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Wearing pink T-shirts to symbolize their support, Gov. Eloy S. Inos and members of the Commonwealth Cancer Association and others pose for a photo after Inos declared October as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Breast cancer is the most common form of cancer among women in the CNMI.

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Casino regulator: Changes to casino law 'shifts balance of power'

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REPORTER

The House of Representative backed yesterday an amendment to the casino law that casino regulators believe

would unacceptably shift their balance of powers to the owners of Saipan's exclusive licensee, Best Sunshine International, Ltd.

The Commonwealth Casino Commission wrote to lawmakers on Tues-

day to urge caution over provisions they deemed "unduly restrictive," referring to provisions that, among others, mandated how the law would define "casino providers" or "casino employees" in the years to come.

The commission believes these new provisions—introduced via substitute bill on Monday by Rep. Angel Demapan (R-Saipan)—would limit their flexibility to regulate persons or corporations with "direct or indirect" effect

on casino gaming on island.

"We must be cautious as some of the new provisions included in Rep. Demapan's floor amendments quite honestly defeats the very purpose of our

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UNLESS USDA SENDS APPROVAL TODAY

Food stamps' release faces delay

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Households under the Nutritional Assistance Program of the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs may not be able to claim their benefits for this month yet due to uncertainty in the federal budget.

While benefits are usually released beginning the first day of the month, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service Office directed states to hold the October issuance of NAP benefits.

"The USDA Food and Nutrition Ser-

vice Office has informed all states with the direction to hold SNAP issuance files for October 2015 until further notice. The same direction was provided to the CNMI to hold issuing October [2015] NAP benefits until further clari-

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23 species in NMI, Guam listed as endangered, threatened



The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is listing 23 species of plants and animals in Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands as threatened or endangered. The Service is not proposing critical habitat for these species at this time.

The Service identified 16 species of plants and animals as endangered, including

the Mariana wandering butterfly, Langford's tree snail, and the Mariana subspecies of the Pacific sheath-tailed bat. These 16 species are at risk of extinction because of habitat loss and degradation related to development and other activities, the effects of nonnative species (i.e., through habitat degradation,

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The Langford's tree snail (*Partula langfordi*; akaleha, devdev) is endemic to Aguihan.

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CPA working on reinstating parking fees at airport

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Almost 11 months after the Commonwealth Ports Authority made parking free at the Francisco C. Ada-Saipan International Airport, management is now working on having the parking fees reinstated.

CPA decided to open the air-

port parking lot without charge starting Dec. 1, 2014. However, in their recent board meeting on Sept. 28, CPA executive director Maryann Lizama told the board that the parking booth system will be reinstated in fiscal year 2016; the fiscal year 2016 starts today, Oct. 1.

Lizama noted that CPA's analysis of the parking booth

system is that it will cost the ports authority about \$250,000 to expand the parking lot at the terminal. She said the cost of expansion could not be supported without revenue generation. At the same time, because of the free parking, vehicles sometimes park for days if not weeks at a time, resulting in other vehicles park-

ing in grassy areas and scattering litter in the parking lot.

"We have given the public a year's reprieve from the booth fees, but we will be reinstating that. Fees will go up but it will be announced to the public and given proper notification with regards to the fees and when the parking booth will be in effect," she said.

CPA board member Thomas Villagomez, however, opposed the reinstatement of the parking booth system, saying it never benefitted the CPA.

POI Aviation was managing the parking booth system under a contract with CPA that expired in Nov. 30, 2015. CPA made the decision not to renew the contract, saying it was not making a profit out of the parking booth.

"I have suggested already

that we put a sign in there to restrict parking to a certain time and assess fees and penalties. I believe CPA is authorized to issue tickets to impose fines," Villagomez said.

"I think we can try to implement that program [imposing charges and fees]. With this enforcement there, there will be collection. I don't think anybody here in the Commonwealth respects anything when it comes to parking," he added.

Woman facing charge of enticing minor girl found using 'ice'

A woman facing a charge in federal court for enticing her then-15-year-old cousin to engage in sex for cash with a government official in 2013 was found using

methamphetamine or "ice" last week.

U.S. Probation Officer Specialist Margarita DLG. Wonenberg informed the U.S. Dis-

trict Court for the NMI about Alexandra Castro Macabalo's alleged use of "ice" and other violations of her bail conditions.

According to Wonenberg,

Macabalo was subjected to a urinalysis test and came up presumptive positive for "ice" use.

When confronted with the results, Macabalo admitted that

she used "ice" last Sept. 20, Wonenberg said.

The probation officer said Macabalo also failed to report for urinalysis last Sept. 3 and for a noncompliance meeting last Sept. 4.

The defendant also failed to report for group counseling last Sept. 4 and for a noncompliance meeting last Sept. 7. She again failed to show up for family counseling last Sept. 21.

Federal Bureau of Investiga-

tion agents arrested Macabalo last April after a complaint was filed in court, charging her with enticement of a minor to engage in prostitution and other sexual activity.

An indictment was later subsequently filed, charging her with one count of enticement of a minor.

Macabalo was released on her own recognizance with some conditions. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

Las Vegas Night moved to January

The Rotary Club of Saipan's signature event, Las Vegas Night, will not happen on Halloween night this year.

According to Rotary Club president Curtis Dancoe, they pushed back the date for their fundraising event from Oct. 31 to Jan. 9 next year in order to be able to sell more tickets.

"We would've been fine but 30 days is just not enough," Dancoe said. "I've done promotions, it's at least 90 days to do promotions successfully."

The event will still be held at the Saipan World Resort.

Initially, the Rotary intended to use the proceeds to buy school supplies for students as

part of Typhoon Soudelor recovery but Dancoe said they now have other resources to do that. Dancoe said they received \$5,000 from various donors as well as \$25,000 from the Rotary Club District 2750.

"We can use that for the school supplies and we have some stuff coming in from Guam," he said.

The Rotary Club is expecting a 20-foot container from Guam filled with school supplies.

Dancoe said they will be giving school supplies to public middle schools. They are targeting the second half of the school year after the holidays for the distribution. (*Frauline Michelle S. Villanueva*)



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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

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ELISA ESTEVES]
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]

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, Erwin Torres Flores, administratrix of the Estate of Elisa Esteves Ayuyu Torres, deceased, to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against decedent, that within sixty (60) days after the publication of this notice, creditors of the decedent must file their claims with the necessary vouchers in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, located at the Guma Husticia, Susupe, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Dated this 21st day, September 2015.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

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THE APPOINTMENT OF) CIVIL ACTION
Faustina E. Indalecio) NO. 15-0439
AS GUARDIAN OF)
THE ESTATE OF:)
Augustin Manuel I.)
Castro (03/07/03)) **NOTICE OF**
Minor Child) **HEARING**
by)
Faustina E. Indalecio)
Petitioner)

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Petition for Appointment of Guardian for the estate of the above-named minor child by Faustina E. Indalecio, Petitioner, was filed with the above-entitled Honorable Court.

A HEARING of said petition for Guardianship will be held at the above-entitled Honorable Court at Superior Court before the Associate Judge Govendo on the 8th of October, 2015 at 10:30AM or as soon thereafter.

Patrick V. Diaz
Clerk of Court
/s/ By: Deputy Clerk of Court

2nd plea deal for ex-Rota DCCA chief rejected

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REPORTER

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho rejected yesterday the second proposed plea deal that recommends a suspended sentence for former Rota Department of Community and Cultural Affairs resident director Josepha Barcinas Manglona.

Camacho said the proposed plea deal requires no jail time but, considering that Manglona was accused of using her position as Rota director of Aging to enrich herself, imposing no jail time has no rehabilitative, deterrence, retribution, or incapacitation effect.

Camacho said Manglona fails to learn from her past criminal conviction and that the terms of the proposed plea deal basically allows her again to pay a small fine and not serve any significant jail time.

"The jail sentence and other terms under the proposed plea agreement fail to conform to the standards of this court and the CNMI community," he said.

Camacho said the parties may submit another proposed plea agreement.

"Notwithstanding the court's rejection of this plea agreement, the defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law," he said.

A bench trial on Rota on Oct. 15, 2015, shall proceed.

Under the proposed deal, Manglona will plead guilty to removal of government property and shall be sentenced to six months in prison, all suspended except for three day, with credit for three days of time served.

It also recommends a \$100 fine, as well as court and probation fees, and restitution in the amount of \$249 to Leo Mereb. It also recommends 100 hours of community service and 12 months of supervised probation.

Manglona originally faced five criminal charges but this has since been cut to two. The amended information now charges the 53-year-old Manglona with theft by unlawful taking or disposition and possession or removal of government property.

In his request to amend the charges, assistant attorney general Matthew C. Baisley said the government's investigation of the case uncovered evidence that warrants dropping the charge of conspiracy to commit theft by unlawful taking or disposition and two counts of misconduct in public office.

At a change of plea hearing yesterday, Baisley said it is a difficult misdemeanor case. Under the new proposed plea deal, Manglona's conviction will be forever in court records, un-

like in the first proposed deal in which the recommendation was to expunge the record.

Baisley said in the proposed second plea deal, the defendant shall be placed on probation so she will be interacting with the Office of Adult Probation for 12 months.

The prosecutor noted that the stolen pool table has already been returned to the government.

» Proposed plea agreement recommends \$100 fine, suspended sentence

He said the initial assumption was that the pool table at the Aging Center was stolen in the darkness. Baisley said further investigation showed that that's

not the case.

He said it was a traumatic experience for Manglona to be arrested and detained for three days and that the proposed plea deal is appropriate.

When asked by Camacho about Manglona's prior conviction for possession of a fruit bat, attorney Timothy Bellas, counsel for Manglona, said it was not a crime of dishonesty.

Bellas said fruit bat consumption was a "cultural thing" until the federal government came in and declared the species endangered.

Bellas said the conviction stemmed from the incident in 2011 and that Manglona has completed her probation in that case.

The lawyer noted that Manglona used to serve with the U.S. Armed Forces and was honorably discharged and that her husband is a Department of Public Safety police sergeant.

In this case, Bellas said Manglona made an error of judg-

ment. He said the pool table was already not in good condition and was actually placed in the storage room.

Bellas said it's rare that the defense and the prosecution are on the same page in a case. He said the fine was increased to the maximum and that there are substantial changes in the second plea agreement as compared to the first one.

In rejecting the proposed second plea deal, Camacho noted a serious problem with the recommendation that defendant shall receive a commuted sentence of three days credit for time served.

Camacho said commutation of sentence, in criminal law, is reduction of a sentence for a

criminal act by the chief executive head of the government.

Camacho said what the plea agreement is asking violates the separation of powers between the Executive and Judicial branches.

Baisley and Bellas, however, immediately clarified that what they really meant was that the sentence will be suspended.

Camacho also noted that the proposed plea deal requires that Manglona pay restitution of \$249 to Leo Mereb.

"Leo Mereb allegedly received a government-owned pool table. If true, Leo Mereb is not the victim. Leo Mereb may be an uncharged defendant for receiving stolen property," the judge pointed out.

The stolen property, he said, is the pool table—not the hollow blocks that Mereb used to allegedly illegally exchange for the government-owned pool table.

On the prosecution's statement that it will be difficult to prove the case, Camacho said all cases are difficult to prove and that it is the prosecutor's burden to prove beyond a reasonable doubt each and every element of the crime.

Camacho said the allegations are that Manglona used her position as director or Aging to enrich herself by trading a publicly owned pool table in exchange for hollow blocks to build her house.

He said the pool table was used at the Aging Center, a

place that CNMI's elderly go to receive services as well as enjoy their golden years.

Camacho said Manglona has a prior conviction in 2014 for possession of an endangered and threatened species. She was convicted of transporting a fruit bat in her luggage at the Rota airport and was just fined \$2,000 and made to render 60 hours of community service.


In the pool table case, Camacho said Manglona faces a possible consecutive sentence of five years and six months.

Last month, Camacho rejected the first proposed plea deal that recommends a sentence of a mere \$50 fine and no prison term. He found the proposed deal too lenient.


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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910(a), the Tinian Municipal Scholarship Board hereby gives notice that there will be a Regular Meeting on Thursday, October 01, 2015 at 3:30 p.m., at the Northern Marianas College, Tinian campus, building B (room E) in San Jose Village, Tinian.

AGENDA

- I. PRELIMINARY**
 1. Call to Order
 2. Roll Call
 3. Adoption of Agenda
 4. Adoption of Minutes
A. September 22, 2015
- II. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**
- III. PUBLIC COMMENTS¹**
- IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION²**
- V. NEW BUSINESS**
 1. To review the remaining applicants for Fall 2015.
- VI. MISCELLANEOUS MATTER**
- VII. SCHEDULE OF NEXT BOARD MEETING**
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

/s/ JULIAN U. HOFSCHEIDER
Chairman

¹ We ask that remarks be limited to 3 minutes each. Everyone is welcomed to submit written comments on the day of the meeting.
² Pursuant to 1 CMC section 9912, the Board may vote to meet in executive session at any time.

SPECIES

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predation, and herbivory), and vulnerability as a consequence of reduced population size and distribution.

Seven plant species are identified as threatened, including four species of orchid and a cycad (*Cycas micronesica*).

"These 23 species are facing tremendous challenges with shrinking habitat and the onslaught of invasive species," said Kristi Young, the Service's acting field supervisor for the Pacific Islands Fish and Wildlife Office. "Most of these species are known only to Guam

and [the] CNMI. It's imperative we continue to work with Guam and [the] CMNI leadership, federal agencies, and our partners to save these important plants and animals."

The Service re-evaluated the proposed status for several plant species based on new data received from CNMI Department of Land and Natural Resources biologists and the public during the comment periods. The Service changed the status of five plants from endangered to threatened because the information revealed that the species were not as diminished as previously thought.

Critical habitat for these species is not determinable at this

time because more time is needed to analyze the best available scientific data to identify areas appropriate for such a designation. The Mariana Islands covered by this listing rule are Guam, Saipan, Tinian, Aguiguan, Rota, Anatahan, Sarigan, Guguan, Alamagan, Pagan, and Asuncion.

■ Five plants are endemic to the island of Guam: *Eugenia bryanii*, *Hedyotis megalantha* (pao dedu, pao doodu), *Phyllanthis saffordii*, *Psychotria malaspinae* (aplokating, palaoan), and *Tinospora homosepala*.

■ Eight plants are known from both Guam and the CNMI: *Bulbophyllum guamense* (siboyas halumtanu, siboyan halom tano), *Dendro-*

bium guamense, *Heritiera longipetiolata* (ufahalumtanu, ufa halom tano), *Maesa walkeri*, *Nervilia jacksoniae*, *Solanum guamense* (biringenas halumtano, birengenas halom tano), *Tabernaemontana rotensis*, and *Tuberolabium guamense*.

■ One plant, *Cycas micronesica* (fading, faadang), occurs in Guam, the CNMI, Palau, and Yap.

■ Three animals are island endemics: the Guam tree snail (*Partula radiolata*; akaleha, denden) is endemic to Guam, the Rota blue damselfly (*Ischnura luta*, dulalas Luta, dulalas Luuta) is endemic to Rota, and Langford's tree snail (*Partula langfordi*; akaleha, devdev)

is endemic to Aguiguan.

■ The remaining six animals are historically known from both Guam and the CNMI—the Pacific sheath-tailed bat (*Emballonura semicaudata rotensis*; payeyi, paischeey), Slevin's skink (*Emoia slevini*; gualik halumtanu, gholuuf), the Mariana eight-spot butterfly (*Hypolimnys octocula marianensis*, ababbang, libweibwogh), the Mariana wandering butterfly (*Vagrans egistina*), the humped tree snail (*Partula gibba*; akaleha, denden), and the fragile tree snail (*Samoana fragilis*; akaleha

dogas, denden).

The final rule will be published in the *Federal Register* today, Oct. 1, 2015. Comments received on the proposed rule and other supporting information are available at www.regulations.gov. The docket number for this rulemaking is FWS-R1-ES-2014-0038. For more information on these species and the final listing, visit <http://www.fws.gov/pacificislands/>.

For more information on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, visit www.fws.gov/pacific. (**FWS**)

RELEASE

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fication is provided," a statement from the NAP said.

"This is a prudent step FNS is taking as part of contingency planning in the event of a federal shutdown. While FNS is optimistic an appropriation will be passed (via a continuing resolution), FNS needs to do due diligence and this step allows maximum flexibility as they consider contingency plans," the statement adds.

As of press time yesterday, NAP director Walter Macaranas said they are still waiting for approval.

"The recipients will have to wait for the clarification from the USDA Food and Nutrition Service when we can proceed with the implementation for fiscal year 2016," he said.

Macaranas said the release of benefits depends on the approval of the grantor agency, which is the USDA.

"We will hold until we get an approval from the grantor agen-

cy," he said.

NAP is requesting for the patience and understanding of all NAP households until further clarification and appropriation of funds has been provided to the CNMI.

Should the NAP Office receive the approval, Macaranas said they will release food stamps right away.

"If we receive [the] approval by today, we will release those benefits," he said.

A delay in the release of benefits may affect households counting on food stamps as many are still recovering from Typhoon Soudelor.

To date, a total of 2,847 households are scheduled to receive benefits for the month of October, a number higher than those who claimed benefits in August prior to Soudelor's impact.

Macaranas said he expects those numbers to increase in the succeeding days.

"Those numbers will go up because we have received new applicants and we will receive other applicants also for the month of October," he said.



The *Phyllanthis saffordii* is endemic to the island of Guam.

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CASINO

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existence," wrote commission chair Juan M. Sablan in a letter to the House on Tuesday.

"The proposed floor amendment limits the commission's authority unacceptably and transfer the balance of power to the casino," he added.

The letter was essentially responding to a draft bill that Demapan circulated during floor discussion on Monday. Demapan's draft—which allowed for tax breaks for Best Sunshine and removed the commission's power to revoke Best Sunshine's license—was substituted on Tuesday as it had not been formally introduced on the floor and Demapan cited mistakes in provisions made by staff.

The Tuesday draft did not contain provisions for a qualifying certificate or limits on the commission's ability to revoke the casino license, but provisions over "casino providers" that appear to halt the commission from regulating affiliated corporations were retained.

Nevertheless, the substitute bills took the commission by surprise on Monday. The commission had been working

with the House Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations for months since the original amendment—by Rep. Rafael Demapan (R-Saipan)—was introduced months ago.

Commissioners, staff, and counsel had gathered since last week's House session to show their support for a bill, House Bill 19-95, that had already been reported out from the House committee on Sept. 18.

They waited in the gallery on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday for lawmakers to back a bill that would provide funding for the commission employees past their 90-day contract cycles that will end around October.

"The commission respectfully urges the House to pass H.B. 19-95 as it was reported out of the JGO committee," wrote Sablan.

On Monday, however, Rep. Angel Demapan circulated a substitute bill during floor session that some in the gallery remarked was a "bill" of Best Sunshine.

On Wednesday, Demapan told lawmakers his substitute bill achieved goals in securing funding for the casino commission's staff to continue working and executing their duties; and to address the concerns of

the commission relative to the provisions of the Open Government Act.

These provisions related to the commission being able to tap into license fees to fund operations, and secondly, allow that confidential private and business information under their purview be exempted from the OGA.

"The amendments I offer also take into account concerns of local businesses like farmers and ranchers, and food and beverage providers who look forward to the potential opportunities of offering their goods to the casino licensee in the hopes of realizing potential positive multiplier effects of what is poised to become the largest economic stimulator of our Commonwealth," Rep. Angel Demapan said yesterday. "The amendments also take into account the constitutional responsibility of the Legislature to appropriate funds and to enact legislation necessary to structure the affairs of the government and to safeguard the livelihood of our people. The current structure of having the exclusive licensee paying for the operations of their regulator is outright questionable. But now, we have arrived here to formally establish this mecha-

nism as a regulatory fee, albeit still a bit questionable that the licensee funds its regulator."

On this regulator fee provision, Demapan told lawmakers yesterday that this would give the commission the "authority to set fees as they go and please," noting that this was "not an investor-induced strategy."

Problematic provisions

"Public Law 18-56 [the casino law] does have flaws. Nothing is perfect," said commission vice chair Juan Reyes during public comment in yesterday's session.

"The bottom line, though, is that when it comes to casino the moral risk is high. ... Your commissioners realize all these. Rules and regulations are policies that put a little more teeth into the law because laws are more difficult to amend. We have the integrity of the commission here to preserve."

"...Get the handcuffs off our hands, let us to do our work," Reyes went on to say.

In their Tuesday letter, the commission took issue with a section that defines "casino service providers" as "persons."

"Does this include 'corporations' and 'LLC'?" Sablan writes. "The commission stress

that it requires flexibility over licensure of service providers to be able to properly track revenues, and this definition is unduly restrictive. The commission should have the authority to license any service provider with a direct or indirect effect on gaming."

The commission said they can accept a limitation akin to "any business or group of affiliated business that does more than \$50,000 per year business with the licensee" as a limitation via law if the Legislature is worried about their overreach. But, the commission urged that their present regulations are sufficient and the matter could be handled by regulation, not law, and described flexibility in this area as "crucial."

Minority vs majority

Noting the commission's concerns, House minority lawmakers urged more time to review Demapan's bill, asking at one point yesterday afternoon for an hour to go over Demapan's provisions.

This was was lamented by some majority lawmakers who urged that action be done that day.

After this recess, Rep. Blas Jonathan T. Attao (Ind-Saipan) introduced via subsidiary mo-

tion a substitute bill that would essentially move forward with the provisions to fund commission employees and exempt records from the OGA, but also drop Demapan contentious provisions.

Attao noted that they have had three drafts of the bill in a span of three days and would like more time to review the new provisions.

"The substitute bill raises more concerns," Attao said. "[House Bill 19-95] was a product of the commission. Now with this version, the commission will have concerns... We have been given little time to review a product that the majority took two days to agree upon," Attao said. The minority bloc got copies of the latest draft yesterday morning.

"...It is an injustice to the legislation," he said. "There's more questions and concerns now. Therefore I move for a subsidiary motion to take care of the staff of the commission first."

After some discussion over other contentious provisions, Attao's motion was defeated 11-to-9.

Demapan's bill—or HB 19-95, HD1, HS1—was passed in a roll call of 13 yes votes to seven no votes.

'A LITTLE CAN DO SO MUCH'

This is the credo of the non-profit group Community Outreach Relief Effort, more popularly known as C.O.R.E., which recently received a \$2,000 donation from Best Sunshine International Ltd. in support of the group's outreach missions and community work. Shown in photo are, from left, Kazuyo Yoshino Estrada, Abbys Mitchell, Patty Kaipat, Imperial Pacific chief service officer Tao Xing, and Mami Ikeda.

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2 outstanding cops get award

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Police Officer II Catherine B. Pangelinan, one of the two outstanding employees of the Department of Public Safety who were honored with an award on Sunday by the Korean Association of Saipan, has solved numerous burglary and theft cases.

Police Officer II Peter A. Aldan, the other outstanding DPS employee who also received a plaque of appreciation, issued over 2,000 traffic citation tickets last year.

DPS Commissioner James C. Deleon Guerrero on Tuesday said they are very grateful to the Korean association for recognizing Pangelinan and Aldan.

Deleon Guerrero said the Korean association asked them to submit the names of two outstanding DPS employees that they want to recognize during their Thanksgiving holiday, Chuseok, at the Saipan World Resort's Royal Taga Hall. He said consulted all department supervisors and directors to come up with the names.

Deleon Guerrero said Pangelinan has been doing a lot of good work.

"Detective Pangelinan has really been very proactive in terms of solving a lot of burglaries and thefts that are happening now," the commissioner said.

Deleon Guerrero said Aldan,

a traffic officer, provides different norms of law enforcement.

"Officer Aldan issued over 2,000 citation tickets last year. I know that is not a popular thing in the community," Deleon Guerrero said, smiling. "That is a very high number."

The commissioner said the issuance of citation tickets are usually due to speeding, not wearing seatbelts, lack of registration, among others.

"I think that both employees are deserving of the award and I want to publicly express my appreciation to the Korean association for hosting that particular event and giving recognition to the two officers," he added.

Acting DPS spokesman Jason Tarkong said Aldan issues tickets not necessarily just for speeding, but he also responds and investigates a lot of traffic accidents, during which a citation could also be issued.

The Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services also expressed appreciation to the Korean Association for recognizing Firefighter II Patrick Ogo and Firefighter I Joaquin T. Camacho.

Ogo is the officer-in-charge of the DFEMS search and rescue unit.

Camacho has been with the EMS Office handling grants and administration duties. He is a CPR instructor and works on search and rescue missions.





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DPS chief: '3 strikes, you're out' difficult to implement

By **FERDIE DE LA TORRE**
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REPORTER

Department of Public Safety
Commissioner James C. De-

leon Guerrero believes the "Three Strikes and You're Out" sentencing will probably not ever be implemented in the CNMI because it eventually

adds up to the cost and makes it more expensive to run a jail.

Even as it is right now, it is costing the CNMI government a great deal of money just to in-

carcerate people, Deleon Guerrero said at a press briefing on Tuesday.

He said his information is that it costs the government

over \$30,000 per inmate a year.

Deleon Guerrero noted that in California there is this "Three Strikes and You're Out" criminal sentencing measure. Under the law, criminal offenders who are thrice convicted face 25 years to life in prison.

He believes this measure would be helpful in the CNMI for certain categories of offenses like burglary and robbery.

"There is a saying that once a thief you are always a thief," he said.

Looking at the people who commit these crimes—burglary and robbery—Deleon Guerrero said they are the same people going in and out of jail all the time.

"There may be a couple of new faces every now and then but for the most part it is really a small portion of the population that is going out there that is victimizing the community," he pointed out.

"And if you can't be successfully rehabilitated, then perhaps it is time for you to get put away, put away at a place where you can no longer hurt other members of the community," he added.

The commissioner said if ever such a sentencing law is implemented in the Commonwealth, then it should be framed in a way that actually targets crimes that cause the most harm to the community, as opposed to just "Three Strikes and You're Out" for any violation.

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

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REPORTER

Gov. Eloy S. Inos proclaimed the month of October as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month yesterday in the Office of the Governor's conference room amid a crowd wearing pink T-shirts in symbolic support of the fight against breast cancer.

"I urge all women in the CNMI to discuss a preventive and screening program with their health care provider and

become aware that they are at risk of getting breast cancer. I ask all citizens to encourage the women in their lives to do the same," Inos said.

The proclamation notes that breast cancer is the most common cancer among CNMI women. It is also the second leading cause of death in women nationally, exceeded only by lung cancer, and the chance of developing invasive breast cancer at some time in a woman's life is about 1 in 8.

Citing the National Cancer Institute, an estimated 232,340 new cases of female breast cancer will be diagnosed in 2015 and 36,620 females will die from the disease, the proclamation notes, while also noting that the mammogram—a x-ray picture of the breast—is recognized as the most effective method of detecting breast changes that may be cancer long before physical symptoms can be seen or felt in women 40 years of age and older.

"Clinical breast exams performed by your health care provider and a breast self-examination should be practiced by women 20 years of age and older on a regular basis...Since lifestyle factors contribute significantly to the risk of developing breast cancer, as well as most cancers, we encourage women to educate themselves and explore the ways in which they can decrease their risk for breast cancer by enjoying a health lifestyle," Inos' proclamation states.

Japanese group sustains link with CHCC by donating anew

By **JAYSON CAMACHO**
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The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. received Tuesday a fresh batch of donations from a Japanese group that included crutches and cranes.

Members of Nippon Izokukai were on island to conduct a ceremony to pray for the war dead of World War II. On their last day, Sept. 29, they made time in the morning to present the items to CHCC.

Nippon Izokukai, a group of war-bereaved families, regularly visits Saipan to promote the welfare of bereaved families and contribute to permanent world peace.

Vice president Yukio Udagawa said the group's main ceremony was held at the Last Command Post in Marpi last Sept. 29. Udagawa noted that they also held a ceremony on Tinian.

"There are two groups and one group had already vis-

ited Guam and they arrived on Saipan," Udagawa said. Yesterday was their last day.

Udagawa said the trip's main purpose is to pray for the war dead and they have already done their part. "Now it is continuing a friendship between Japan and Saipan, so we decided to donate to CHCC to continue our long partnership."

CHCC hospital administrator Jesse Tudela said that Nippon Izokukai has been visiting every year and would always donate to CHCC.

"They donated one wheelchair last year and back in 2013 they donated more wheelchairs. Every year, when they visit Saipan, they give donations to the hospital," Tudela said. "It is a good networking and continuing partnership. The group would always come to visit the island to pray and would put in their schedule to come and donate to the local hospital."

FEMA's rebuilding experts to provide advice

Typhoon Soudelor survivors who want to build back better and stronger can learn how from experts for the next few weeks.

Federal Emergency Management Agency mitigation specialists have been at the True Value store on Beach Road, talking with customers and handing out free booklets and pamphlets.

The hours FEMA Mitiga-

tion will be at the True Value are from 10am to 4pm through Friday, 9:30am to 4:30pm Saturday, and 9am to 1pm Sunday.

The next mitigation outreach stop is Monday, Oct. 5, through Sunday, Oct. 18, at ACE Hardware in Susupe. Mitigation hours there will be 10am to 4pm weekdays and Saturdays, and 9am to 4pm Sundays. (**FEMA**)

13 Saipan beaches red-flagged

The Division of Environmental Quality has red-flagged 13 Saipan beaches and is advising the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of these locations for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified.

The affected sites are Wing Beach, Palms Resort, Aqua Resort, Tanapag Meeting Hall, DPW Channel Bridge, American Memorial Park, Grandvrio Saipan, Garapan Fishing Dock, Garapan Beach, CK District 2 drainage, Chalan Piao Beach, Hopwood School Beach, and

San Antonio Beach.

Samples collected from these locations contained excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci) that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards. These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water.

DEQ analyzes water samples collected from Saipan's recreational beaches and storm drainage every Tuesday. For more information, contact DEQ at 664-8500. (**DEQ**)

WIOA Dislocated Worker Funding Program

If any of these categories apply to you, please contact WIA.

Category A: General Dislocated Workers. To qualify, an individual must meet the following three criteria:

1. Has been terminated or laid off, or has received a notice of termination or layoff, from employment;
2. Is eligible for or has exhausted entitlement to unemployment compensation; OR has been employed or attached to the workforce for a duration sufficient to demonstrate to WIOA, but is not eligible for unemployment compensation due to insufficient earnings or having performed services for an employer that were not covered under a state unemployment compensation law; and
3. Is unlikely to return to a previous industry or occupation.

Category B: Plant Closure. To qualify, an individual must meet one of the following three criteria:

1. Has been terminated or laid off, or has received a notice of termination or layoff, from employment as a result of any permanent closure of, or any substantial layoff at, plant, facility, or enterprise;
2. Is employed at a facility at which the employer has made a general announcement that such facility close within 180 days; or
3. For purpose of eligibility to receive services other than training, intensive or supportive services under WIOA, is employed at a facility at which the employer has made general announcement that such facility will close.

Category C: Self Employed or Unemployed. To qualify, an individual must meet the following criteria:

1. Was self employed (including employment as a farmer, a rancher, or a fisherman) but is unemployed as a result of general economic conditions in the community in which the individual resides or because of natural disasters.

Category D: is a displaced homemaker;

DISPLACED HOMEMAKER—The term "displaced homemaker" means an individual who has been providing unpaid services to family members in the home and who—

- (A) (i) has been dependent on the income of another family member but is no longer supported by that income; or (ii) is the dependent spouse of a member of the Armed Forces on active duty (as defined in section 101(d)(1) of title 10, United States Code) and whose family income is significantly reduced because of a deployment (as defined in section 991(b) of title 10, United States Code, or pursuant to paragraph (4) of such section), a call or order to active duty pursuant to a provision of law referred to in section 101(a)(13)(B) of title 10, United States Code, a permanent change of station, or the service-connected (as defined in section 101(16) of title 38, United States Code) death or disability of the member; and
- (B) is unemployed or underemployed and is experiencing difficulty in obtaining or upgrading employment.

Category E:

1. Is the spouse of a member of the Armed Forces on active duty (as defined in section 101(d)(1) of title 10, United States Code), and who has experienced a loss of employment as a direct result of relocation to accommodate a permanent change in duty station of such member; or
2. Is the spouse of a member of the Armed Forces on active duty and who meets the criteria described in Displaced Homemaker Definition (B).


You may be able to qualify for services under WIOA's Dislocated Worker Funding Program. All other program eligibility requirements apply.

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Loyalty



Kan Pacific stayed in the CNMI when the economy was good and when the economy was terrible. Loyalty is still an important virtue in our Asian-Pacific community. Not blind loyalty, but loyalty based on a proven history of trials endured and triumphs made together. With the Commonwealth government and community, we have weathered the Asian Economic Crisis, departure of major airlines, and plummeting visitor arrivals. We have also stayed the with the Commonwealth to rebuild, see new airlines come, attract new investments, and a rise in visitor arrivals. Loyalty goes both ways and is earned. We have been here for 37 years and want to stay another 40 more.

Renewing Kan Pacific's lease is economically responsible, makes good sense and is simply the right thing to do for our island and our families.

Erika Tenorio
Reservations Clerk



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation



JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

JVA No. 15-032

Opening Date: **Thursday, October 01, 2015**
Closing Date: **Wednesday, October 14, 2015**

Fiscal Technician (Reopened)

Duties: Under the direct supervision of the Manager: Financial Accounts Management or his/her designee. May supervise staff to include: prioritizing and assigning work; conducting performance evaluations; ensuring staff is trained; ensuring that employees follow policies and procedures; maintaining a healthy and safe working environment; and, making hiring, termination, and disciplinary recommendations. Receives and processes customer payments; screens and verifies check receipts; updates customer accounts; reviews customer account status for partial payment receipts; computes payment information; and issues payment slips. May provide field utility meter inspection, testing, investigation, repairs and service documentation. Enters and verifies account changes and correction transactions; researches, reconciles and compiles adjustment documentation; prepares billing adjustments; and/or documents customer account status. Balances cash and other payment receipts and prepares bank deposits; balances credit card receipts with merchant settlement records; prepares sales deposits; processes customer refund payments; may process and file payroll documents. Receives and responds to customer calls and inquiries; reviews account and payment information; explains customer billing regarding charge disputes; assists customers with new accounts, required documentation and application processing; processes work orders as required; and refers inquiries to appropriate resource. Organizes and files revenue receipts, change vouchers, and related reports; maintains filing system; and prepares listings, schedules and activity reports. Performs other duties of a similar nature and level as assigned.

LOCATION: Financial Accounts Section, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.

SALARY: \$20,826.00 per annum.

CONTRACT: Not Contracted.

POSITION(S): Three (3)

Minimum Requirements: High School Diploma or GED or ABE Program AS and 4 years of utility accounts or fiscal support experience. **Knowledge of:** Applicable Federal, Commonwealth and local laws, codes, regulations and/or ordinances; Supervisory principles, practices and techniques (based on assignment); Cash handling practices (based on assignment); Customer service principles; Basic mathematical principles; Recordkeeping principles; Safety principles and safe work practices; Applicable equipment used in field utility services (based on assignment); Modern office technology. **Skills in:** Interpreting and applying applicable laws, codes, regulations and standards; Supervising, monitoring, training and evaluating staff (based on assignment); Receiving, posting and reconciling payments, cash receipts or account information; Verifying and updating account or utility meter information; Providing customer service and responding to inquiries; Coordinating services with other departments or resources; Inspecting and operating field equipment related to utility usage and testing (based on assignment); Performing basic mathematical calculations; Researching, reconciling and preparing account adjustments and related documentation; Preparing and maintaining files, forms, reports and records; Copying and scanning documents; Updating, maintaining and preparing reports and spreadsheet tracking documents; Researching account information and providing information regarding billing disputes; Utilizing a computer and relevant software applications; Utilizing communication and interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, and others to sufficiently exchange or convey information and to receive work direction. Applicants may be tested. Subject to pre-employment drug test.

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

JVA No. 15-043

Opening Date: **Thursday, October 01, 2015**
Closing Date: **Wednesday, October 14, 2015**

Trades Assistant

Duties: Under the direct supervision of the Deputy Director Tinian or his/her designee. Assists with installations, repairs and general maintenance in assigned service area; operates motorized vehicles, equipment machinery, and hand and power tools. Performs routine and preventative maintenance on equipment, vehicles, systems and/or infrastructure; performs basic inspections; and conducts basic troubleshooting of issues. Responds to trouble calls as needed. Prepares job site for work including gathering and setting up materials and supplies, and setting work safety barriers for protection and to direct traffic flow away from work site. Gathers, cleans and returns equipment, materials and supplies used. Cleans and maintains work site after project or repair work is complete. Monitors equipment; takes readings and collects data; documents equipment readings; prepares and submits data and work reports. Performs inventory spot checks to ensure adequate materials and supplies are available for daily maintenance activities. Performing daily well and pump station facility maintenance, cleaning and monitoring; Assisting plumbing and chlorine maintenance crew; Utilizing digging equipment for locating and repairing leaks; Repairing and securing pressure reducer valves, main valves, service lines and laterals, and booster pumps; Assisting with meter installation and repair; Collecting water samples. Performs other duties of a similar nature and level as assigned.

LOCATION: Tinian, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.

SALARY: \$16,742.00 per annum.

CONTRACT: Not Contracted.

POSITION(S): Four (4)

Minimum Requirements: High School Diploma or GED or ABE Program AS. **Knowledge of:** Customer service principles; Basic mathematical concepts; Safety procedures and safe work practices; Modern office technology. **Skills in:** Providing customer service; Reading maps and drawings; Operating heavy and light equipment machinery, hand and power tools required of assigned area; Adhering to safety procedures and safe work practices; Prioritizing tasks and managing time for efficiency; Identifying issues and solving problems; Providing attention to detail; Taking equipment readings and recording data; Maintaining activity logs and reports; Utilizing a computer and relevant software applications; Utilizing communication and interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, and others to sufficiently exchange or convey information and to receive work direction. Applicants may be tested. Subject to pre-employment drug test.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

CNMI Judiciary resumes regular schedule

Due to a broken water pipe resulting in no water being available at the Judiciary's Saipan facility, the Guma' Hustisia was closed at noon yesterday, Sept. 30, 2015. Calendared hearings scheduled for 1:30pm still proceeded at the judge's discretion.

Regular business hours of 7:30am to 5pm, Monday through Friday, for the CNMI Judiciary on Saipan will resume beginning Thursday, Oct. 1, 2015.

On Rota and Tinian, business hours will be 7:30am to 4:30pm, Monday through Friday, except on holidays.

The return to regular business hours is due to the restoration of CUC power. Any change to the Judiciary's regular business hours will be disseminated on the Judiciary's website, www.justice.gov.mp, and through other media. *(NMI Judiciary)*

Jury selection cancelled

This is to inform all prospective jurors on panel "14BS" that the jury selection scheduled for Monday, Oct. 5, 2015, at 8:30am in Courtroom 202A is hereby cancelled until further notice. For further information contact Deputy Clerk Eva-Sophia P. Calvo at the Superior Court at telephone no. 236-9700. *(PR)*

PTSA meeting for all Kagman schools

Parent and guardians of all Kagman schools are being informed that there will be a PTSA meeting on Monday, Oct. 5, at Chacha Middle School cafeteria. Session will begin at 2pm. Raffle drawing included. For more information, contact either of the following numbers: KagES Office, 664-3911; COVMS Office, 664-4100; or KHS Office, 664-3780. *(PR)*

SLLBI 2016 board elections on Oct. 10

Saipan Little League Baseball, Inc. will hold its general membership meeting for the election of 2016 board members on Oct. 10, 9am at the Gil-

bert C. Ada Gymnasium pavilion. All managers, coaches, parents, and interested individuals are encouraged to attend. *(PR)*

Family grief support meeting on Oct. 1

The Compassionate Friends of Saipan will be holding its monthly grief support meeting on Thursday, Oct. 1, from 6pm to 7:30pm, in the NMPASI conference room on Middle Road, in Gualo Rai. The mission of The Compassionate Friends is to assist families toward the positive resolution of grief following the death of a child of any age and to provide information to help others to be supportive. For more information, email tcfSaipan@gmail.com or call Jill Derickson (989-9821). To learn more about The Compassionate Friends, visit their website at www.compassionatefriends.org. *(PR)*

Nominees sought for annual humanities awards

The Northern Marianas Humanities Council is soliciting nominations for the 2015 Governor's Humanities Awards. Nominees should have a notable humanities achievement in the past year in any of four categories: Research and Publication in the Humanities; Preservation of Traditional Cultural Practices; Preservation of CNMI History; and Outstanding Humanities Teacher (in both classroom and non-classroom settings). A fifth category, Lifetime Achievement, recognizes significant contributions to the humanities over multiple decades. This award may be given posthumously.

Nomination forms and instructions are available at the council's office in the Springs Plaza Building, Gualo Rai, or on the council website at www.northernmarianashumanities.org. Nominations are due no later than 4:30pm on Friday, Oct. 16. Awards will be presented during a ceremony to be held in late October. For more information, contact council staff at 235-4785. *(NMI Humanities Council)*



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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

JVA No. 15-044

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Administrative Assistant

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LOCATION: Tinian, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.

SALARY: \$16,742.00 per annum.

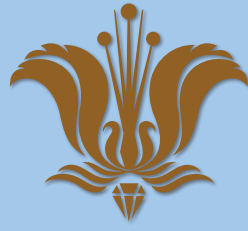
CONTRACT: Not Contracted.

POSITION(S): One (1)

Minimum Requirements: High School Diploma or GED or ABE Program AS. **Knowledge of:** Applicable Federal, Commonwealth and local laws, codes, regulations and/or ordinances (based on assignment); Customer service principles; Basic filing and recordkeeping principles; Basic mathematical concepts; Basic inventory and supplies maintenance practices; Specialized equipment relevant to area of assignment; Modern office technology. **Skills in:** Interpreting and applying applicable laws, codes, regulations and standards (based on assignment); Providing customer service; Filing, organizing and maintaining records and files; Preparing basic reports, correspondence and documentation; Managing time and prioritizing requests; Providing attention to detail; Proofreading documents for accuracy; Identifying errors and making corrections; Reviewing and researching account information; Maintaining confidentiality of records and information; Utilizing a computer and relevant software applications; Utilizing communication and interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, and others to sufficiently exchange or convey information and to receive work direction. Applicants may be tested. Subject to pre-employment drug test.

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We, as a community, have an incredible spirit and the tenacity to move past difficulties and embrace the future.

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Best Sunshine International is launching “weRcnmi”—an open photography competition, from the week of September 30 through October 7, 2015. Help us at Best Sunshine International to highlight our stories of resiliency, of survival and of heroic deeds, by joining this open competition.

Through your photo entries /submissions we are preserving our collective spirit that captures the stories of survival, of recovery and of those who selflessly helped others, even if they themselves were victims of typhoon Soudelor.

We invite everyone to join this competition and take a shot at the prize awaiting selected winning photos:

1st Prize: \$2,000
2nd Prize: \$1,000
3rd Prize: \$500

10 Consolation Prizes of \$100 each will be awarded.

Criteria:

- Clear photo(s) for a maximum of two (2) entries. Taken from either digital camera or phone
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- Name/contact information
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Email your entries to jcabrera@bestsunshine.com
The closing date is **October 7, 2015 at 5 pm**



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The limits of the speaker

The abrupt decision by John A. Boehner to step down as speaker of the House and resign his seat in Congress has elated the bitter-ender conservatives who have made his life miserable for virtually his entire tenure. But it's bad news for those—including Republican members of Congress—who recognize that Boehner's right-wing critics were living in a fantasy world.

In that parallel universe, the Republican majority could ignore the fact that a Democrat occupied the White House and that the rules of the Senate militated against them enacting their agenda of repealing Obamacare, reversing President Obama's executive actions on immigration and, more recently, defunding Planned Parenthood.

But while the purist conservatives couldn't work their will on national policy, they were often able to hamstring Boehner, a deal-maker forced to preside over a Republican caucus with a significant minority for whom compromise was anathema. As a result, the speaker was under constant pressure to limit the agenda to proposals that could pass with GOP votes alone—an approach that requires the support of 218 of the 246 House Republicans. That is a recipe for paralysis and poor governance.

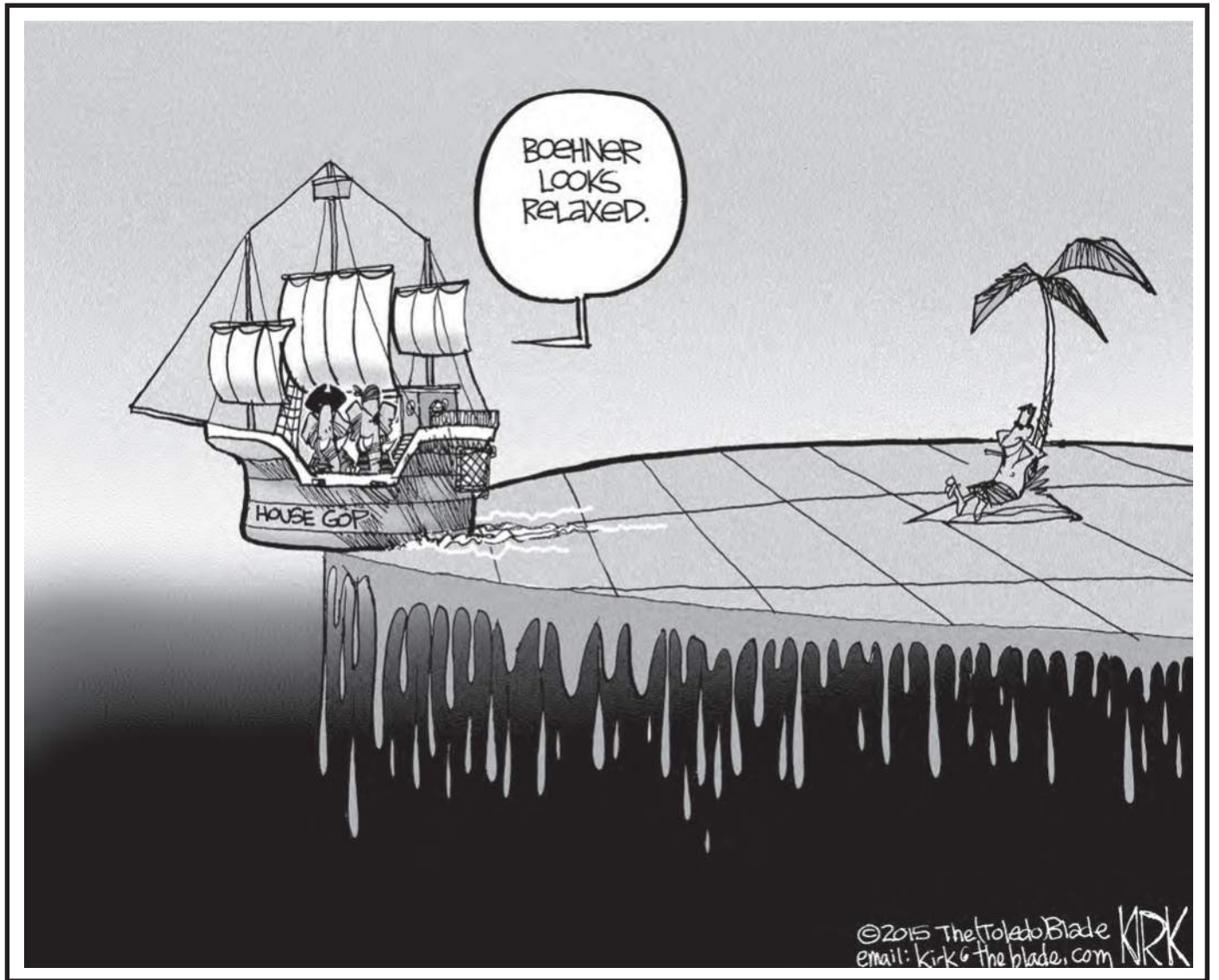
Ironically, Boehner's announcement Friday that he will step down at the end

of October came just after he persuaded conservatives not to threaten to shut down the government unless Congress cut off Planned Parenthood funding. But in the longer term, the presence in the caucus of a vocal rejectionist wing threatens to perpetuate the dysfunction in Congress regardless of who is elected to succeed Boehner.

That is a problem for the country but also for the Republican Party as it prepares for the 2016 presidential election. As it is, the rise of the trash-talking Donald Trump has derailed the plan of party elders to project a more pragmatic and inclusive face to the national electorate.

We disagreed with Boehner on many issues, but he recognized that power is not absolute and that legislating in a divided government requires compromise and partial victories. It's depressing that he felt it necessary to step down for the good of the institution he revered.

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How writers dig up the past

By MARY KARR
LOS ANGELES TIMES

When I think of all the stiff pronouncements I've made demanding truth in memoir, I'm inclined to hang my head. Nobody elected me the boss of memoir. I am not the art police. Whether you're Philip Roth hiding behind the fig leaf of fiction or Pam Houston claiming her novels and memoirs are both 82 percent true, that's up to your conscience. One of the great perks of what Stephen Colbert calls the "truthiness" of our era is that any artist can cut her own deal with the reader vis-a-vis veracity. As a writer, I defend that freedom.

But as a reader, it rankles me to be promised fact and given fiction; and I worry the falsifiers will lead audiences to believe, wrongly, that all memoirists make stuff up as they go along.

Hearing that the alleged Holocaust survivor whose book I blurbed actually spent the war comfortably in Switzerland (and wasn't even Jewish), I felt like a chump. James Frey had no problem stating on national television that his manufacturing of jail time and fistfights with cops was the kind of common fiction any nonfiction writer might indulge in. Not among the great memoirists I've known.

In fact, making up events that never went down is not common, except among those intent on faking out the public. What's common? Changing names or blurring a few details to protect the innocent, reconstructing dialogue to the best of your ability or telescoping time to spare readers the dull parts; those are standard.

Most of the writers I know approach memoir out of some agonizing need to make sense of a troubled past. Kathryn Harrison undertook "The Kiss" only after she'd written the story of her father's incest in novel form more than once. Later, she felt those fictions rendered a more innocent daughter than she had in fact been. Those "lies" had haunted her as yet another sort of complicity with her abuser. For her to falsify events—after years in analysis dealing with the psychological fallout—would've kept her tethered to the tale longer and defeated part of the book's purpose.

The same holds true for me. Having grown up in a hard-drinking family, I was lied to often and with conviction, starting with the phrase "I'm not drunk." The family's tendency to say "Everything's fine" when my mother was wagging a firearm at her latest husband quite literally made me crazy. Sorting out the truth from apocrypha and family myth became a lifelong mission, and I'd been in therapy for more than a decade when I undertook the story in a novel.

Believe me, a novel is a more lofty form, and I'd have preferred to succeed with it. But writers can't choose which genre suits them best. For me, fiction was an excuse to make the little girl me far more beautiful and noble and wise than I'd in fact been. I was a

biter; I shot a BB gun at a neighbor kid. None of that happened in my crummy novel.

Only working in nonfiction forced me to think and rethink and gnaw and ponder and wonder as fully as I needed to.

After a book's done, I routinely send pages out to family and dozens of friends and shrinks and teachers and bystanders because I don't fully trust my own memories. Exaggeration might be standard in informal settings—in private wrangles with family at Thanksgiving over what happened when, say. But it takes a whole new level of sociopathy to publish a book that knowingly gins out falsehoods, then to slap "nonfiction" on the label.

Yes, memory fails. You remember an event as having happened at Christmas, yet the photos show you in shirt sleeves on July 4th. So you correct yourself. I always say unless you're a worrier and a nail-biter—a re-thinker—memoir might not be your playpen because you usually have to scratch and scramble for the harder truths. Writing "Lit," I broke the delete key off my keyboard.

My friends and family have been generous in signing off on all three of my memoirs. But I also try to be generous to anybody I render. Mostly I write out of love. (If you want revenge, hire a lawyer.) I try not to use simplistic labels; they're reductive. So I never called my parents alcoholics. I showed the child me upending vodka bottles down the sink. I don't guess at people's motives, because I only know my own. In fact, my biggest enemy in all my books, as in life, is my own mind.

If a memoirist transcribes her mind so its edges show—admitting what she can't recall instead of fabricating, showing herself as she fumbles through memories—she constantly reminds the reader that this is a personal take on the past. Today's reader understands that memories don't pop out of a pristine file drawer. Great memoirs don't read as journalism or objective fact. The writer's psyche stays on display.

In a New York Times review—a pretty good one, by the way, of my recent "The Art of Memoir"—Janet Maslin claims that I urge memoirists to "fudge details." For evidence, she cites the line "Surely I misremember all kinds of stuff." I note that the boy I kissed who was chewing Juicy Fruit in memory was perhaps partial to another brand in fact. Forget that he signed off on the Juicy Fruit. I'm saying we could both be wrong.

But I don't fault Maslin. She's just parroting the standard wisdom that memoirists are avowed fabulists. The best ones are wrestling with memory as we all do, trying to make sense of our messy, complicated lives.

Mary Karr is the author, most recently, of *The Art of Memoir*. She wrote this for the Los Angeles Times.

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Estague` na bahun represenatante pinega-ta ayu mina` libre yan obra i dos tanu` dikiki` (dadalag) mana baila i galagu (Saipan) sin sunidu! Magahet na taiguine na ninatatah `nai in` representa ham? Mañge manadan promesa pot ayudu? Mas presisu Luta yan Tinian fondu ke manadan tautau Saipan ni esta pa`gu taya` kandet yan hanom niha? Manu `nai fuetsau inna` fan bachet yan tañga hamyu ni nesessidat tautau Saipan?

Siempre bai` pasalista kada unu gi gaset a yan haf` chatdisposisioña gi otr u sakan elekesion. Esta fatigauyu` madage! Nahuñg! Ke lau mangai konsersia i rumepresenta hit pa`gu? Haf` na tod u man-udu, bachet yan tañga?

Uson katgaderu

Kada hu dagau i hagu et gi sagua` Fishing Base gumama gi supen tasi. Hu chage ta`lu un` biahe lau parehu ha` na son. Hu hala halom yah huna` lamakat i katgaderu. Ayu dispues `nai mañogñug.

Dispues de kulan kayao biahen este na pueñge, sigeyu` yan amiguhu umadiñgan pot tod u klasen bida yan malabida gi halom komunida.

Gi dispues finaton mame tatte, sige ham man-uñgag ñaihon lat-eria `nai hu mente pot poduñg hagu et gi supen tasi.

“Kulan asuntun publiku ni mamaya` gi na`татаh na tasin lehislatura pot tinahoñg kabesa para u inesgaihon papa` gi fondun menhalom”, ilegña i amiguhu Magoo.

“Dispues, ti u fan mañgonsidera satton yangin puru eskusu yan buetta `nai mapega i asuntu”, ilegña si Piñg.

“Makat na kontrariu piot ya megaiña manfatsu gi bandan manaitai manseriosu siha na materiat asuntun linahyan”, umentalu` si Lia.

I finu` i tres na bisita dinanche gi katkuet manera. Yangin ni hagu ti un` tuñgu` asuntomu pues taimanu un` diskute dibuenamente? I puntu: ni tali ni añkla guaha para i galaide`ta ni lumalailai esta pa`gu. Siña mascha pogse` troñkun pagu tana setbe sa` fitme ennau na troñku? Pot fabot maila` ta prebeniye aseguridad para i manatatte ni man-inosiente.

To`a na disposision: Mampos namamahlau disposision lehislatura `nai klaru ha kehayen maisague` na taya` to`a estudiuña gi asuntun linahyan siha. Masaulag kaprechu sin inina kau mauleg yan antau na finotman areglu para i mayotmente.

Mañanau gi areglon lai lau ni siha ti matuñgu` haf` sustansian mafanana`an “supremacy of laws” `sino haf` na lai mofona ke otr u. I constitution ya hululu`, tinatiye ni lai federat, dispues lai estadu tat kumu iya Marianas yan munisipalidad siha. Estague` na eskalera `nai tumunog sigidu fuetsan lai.

I para un` tulaika lai konstitusion ni inapruuban lehislatura na lai dañkulu na linache. Estague` na puntu `nai nina` fan salakumba` i lehislatura ni gobietnu gi mismu huegon niha! Che`chu` miron yan namamahlau!

Mañge Espiritun Natibu? Mampos natriste i tafatkiluye maguadog naftan manguelo-ta gi kanton tasin iya Garapan pot para umahatsa fasilidat casino.

Kulan tafatta na esta ti tana` presisu i sagradu na espiritun mañaina-ta ni apmam siha kumatga achon kabisiyu para i manatatte.

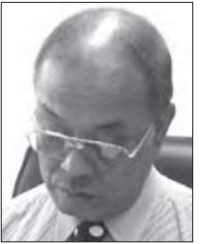
Enfin, para tod u i maliñgon respetu gi sagradu na espiritun guelu yan guela uttimoiña i fasilidat ti u felis kareraña para mona. Guaha siha para u fan masusede estake mahuchum i uttimu potta. Pot fabot esta huli`e` fuetsan espiritu. Ti presisu na baina` dos biahe!

Libianu mana abag hau, hineddan (mana` malañgu estake ti amtiyon) sino mana` tailaye. Tod u i tres huli`e` masusede mina mampos dañkulu respetuhu gi fuetsan ti a`anog na nina` siñan espiritu. Fan egaga` ya in` ta`lun umatan kau kombene pat tanañga estake ha funas tod u i ti debi na u fangaige guihe na fasilidat.

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.

Special to the Saipan Tribune

John DelRosario Jr. is a former publisher of the Saipan Tribune and a former secretary of the Department of Public Lands.



Minagahet: Guaha lokue` umatbansa hinassoña haf` gaige papa` kontratan i Covenant. Pot ihemplo, ilegña un` saiantes karissu na gai “guarded sovereignty” iya Marianas.

Sovereignty na konsepto yan atoridat solu independiente na nasyon gai fuetsa nu este. Pot fabot na dispasiu manfabrikan konseptu ni nihagu mismu ti un` komprende.

Dispues, gaige gi Seksiona 101 gi papa` inakonfotman i Covenant na ta na`e i federat nu este na direchu. Gaige este gi gobeitnon federat. Pot fabot muñga manfabrika gi kaprichomu. Taitai kabales i kontrata para un` asegura na hilu` pisun fakt u `nai uma`adiñgan hau. Di ba?

Dios Mihu: Masoda` un` neni gi tatten pick-up truck gi halom kahita un` taftaf oga`an. Dispues de marikonose managu` i tatan guma` na umakone` halom ya uma-assiste sa` namase`.

Man-oppe i nanan guma` : “Huñgan, keni` halom sa` patgon tatan miyu `nau. Puñteru!” Guiya este i nuebu na tirun “daddy”. Dios mihu! Magahet na metgot i sensian “che`chu` lahe” trabiha gi natibu!

U guaha mohon inaguaiyan kotte dispues? Guiya `ste `nai un` tu-fuñg pattemu sepplanten check social security ya ni para apas amot tinahoñg. A`saina! Siempre un` fanhassu ya unna` na mase` hau `sino hilu` mahetog na bañkon kusina yan kestat gañgoche ni mana` maigu` hau. Ni seño` taya` para usumu.

No, pundits, Clinton isn’t collapsing

Has the political pundit class lost its collective mind?

In a year in which every other supposed front-runner and establishment candidate has collapsed to single digits or has already withdrawn from the race—yes, I am talking about you, Jeb Bush, and you, Scott Walker—Hillary Rodham Clinton continues to lead the Democratic field with more than 40 percent of the vote. Can Bernie Sanders, who is 15 points behind her in recent polling, represent a real threat to her nomination? No. Hell no. Not a chance. But pundits keep asking the question without pointing out the obvious answer.

And given the fact that no vice president who has sought his party’s nomination has ever been denied it, you would think Clinton’s 20-point lead over Joe Biden would be seen as a remarkable sign of strength. Instead, when pundits mention Clinton’s lead over the vice president, they always follow up with the fact that Biden has yet to enter officially—and rarely caution that he may never enter it and that even if he does, he’ll start 20 points behind.

When has anyone been so strong that he or she led a sitting vice president by 20 points? Does the punditry really think it’s because he hasn’t announced yet?

Was the private server a mistake? Yes. Have questions about Clinton’s emails hurt her? Of course. Has her campaign been clumsy and mishandled the situation? No doubt about it. But there should also be no doubt that Clinton remains a formidable front-runner

who will be tough to beat even if Biden enters the race. And she’ll be formidable in the general election too.

If the GOP wasn’t convinced that she could block their path to the White House in November 2016, they wouldn’t be trying so hard to stop her right now. If they thought her knees would buckle and she was really going to collapse—if they thought she would be a breeze to defeat—they would hold their fire until she was the Democratic nominee.

Pundits can focus on her weaknesses, her mistakes and her negatives while overlooking her strengths—for them, there are no real consequences—but her opponents do so at their own peril.

Things the pundits seem to have missed:

Clinton’s 2008 campaign made the fatal error of writing off caucus states as unimportant. She came in third in Iowa and barely reached 30 percent of the vote there. In total, caucus states cost her 100 delegates in a race she lost to Barack Obama by fewer than 300. The fact is her campaign will not make that mistake again. Clinton has recruited the best caucus organizers in the Democratic Party. She will be stronger in Iowa and gain far more delegates in caucus states in 2016.

Like it or not, pundits, it’s a better campaign this time around and far more organized.

Sanders may hold the lead in Iowa and New Hampshire, but those states have never decided who the Democratic nominee will be; they merely winnow the field. Two or three candidates emerge out of those two states to fight for the nomination across the country. Right now, it looks as if Clinton and Sanders will be those two candidates. If Biden enters the race, three will make it. The candidate suffering from Sanders’ strength and speculation about Biden is not Clinton; it’s Martin O’Malley, who might otherwise have captured the “not Clinton” vote.

Perhaps the biggest flaw in the “Hillary is collapsing” storyline is the complete underestimation of her strength beyond Iowa and New Hampshire, in more ethnically diverse states. In 2008, Obama proved early on that he could win his fair share of the progressive white vote; then he dominated Clinton with nonwhites across the rest of the country. And yet he still lost the popular vote (if you include Michigan, where he wasn’t on the ballot) and won the delegate count only by the slimmest of margins.

To believe that Sanders or even Biden can defeat Clinton, you have to believe they can run as well against her (after the first two contests) as Obama did. The obstacles to pulling that off are significant.

By JOE TRIPPI

Los Angeles Times

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First, 56 percent of Democratic voters are women, who prefer Clinton to her rivals. And unlike Obama, who held Clinton to just 20 percent of the nonwhite vote through much of 2008, Sanders is trailing Clinton by 40 to 60 points among nonwhite Democrats. Pundits seem to enjoy questioning Clinton’s ability to energize the Obama coalition, but Sanders hasn’t been able to get out of the teens in terms of support among blacks or Latinos. Biden fares better, but he’s not Obama either.

Clinton leads Biden by 27 points and Sanders by 34 points in South Carolina, where Obama defeated her by 28 points. She leads them both by 32 points in Florida, where she defeated Obama despite exit polls showing he had won 75 percent of the black vote. (Sanders or Biden will be lucky to get 50 percent of the black vote against Clinton.)

Have all the Democratic voters in these states not heard of her emails and the server? Do they not know she is behind in Iowa and New Hampshire? How could they not? After months of drip, drip, drip, if the scandals haven’t sunk her with Democratic voters in these states, will further revelations hurt her? It’s possible, but it hasn’t happened yet.

The pundits say this is an outsider year and that voters from both parties are frustrated. Republicans may feel that Romney wasn’t pure enough on the right, and there are Democrats who feel that even Obama wasn’t pure enough on the left. And yet Clinton leads Sanders and Biden nationally in every poll. She has problems that she needs to address, of course, but look across the aisle at the GOP field and find a nominee who doesn’t. Good luck.

The pundits have it wrong. Unless or until Biden decides to run, Clinton doesn’t face much of a challenge. And if Biden does run, Clinton is still going to be very tough to beat.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Thanks

Recently the hardworking staff of CUC’s Power Division corrected a major issue with a power pole that supplies power to our house. So here’s a big THANK YOU to the Power Division, specifically acting director Lee Lieto, staff member Nardin Lizama, other staff members, and acting CUC executive director John Riegel. *Un dangkulo na si yuus maase!*

Lupe and John Robinson

Sadog Tasi, Saipan

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY

Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. North winds around 10 mph. Highs around 87.

▲88° ▼77°

FRIDAY

Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Northeast winds 5 to 10 mph.

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SATURDAY

Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

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SUNDAY

Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

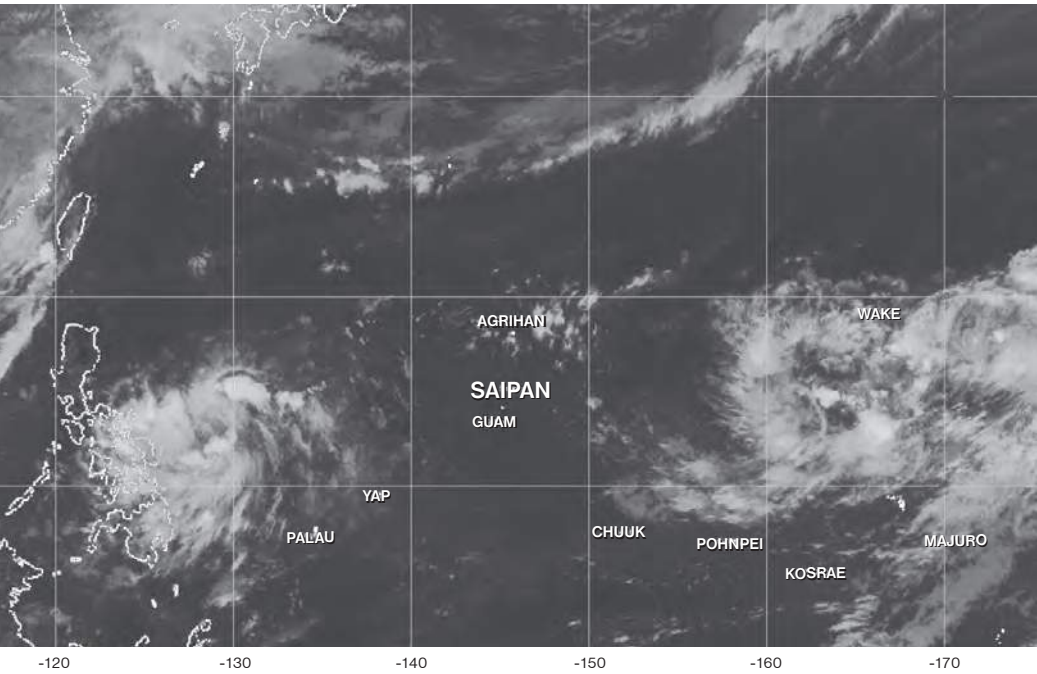
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MONDAY

Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

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Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2015
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A circulation is centered northwest of Koror near 11N131E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are present northwest of Yap and Koror west of a line from 15N136E to 3N130E. A monsoon trough runs eastward from east of Rota at 14N150E through a broad circulation centered north of Kwajalein at about 14N168E to beyond the date line at 14N. Patchy areas of scattered showers and a few thunderstorms from near Kwajalein to Wake Island are between 10N and 21N from 160E to 180. Scattered showers are also just north of Pohnpei within 100 miles of a line from 11N155E to 8N160E. Surging southwest winds are triggering scattered showers and a few thunderstorms across the Marshall Islands within 75 miles of a line from 10N174E to 2N165E and west of Butaritari within 75 miles of a line from 3N171E to EQ168E and east of Tarawa near the date line or east of a line from 6N180 to EQ176E.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

Micronesia			
Guam And Rota	Mostly Cloudy	▲88	▼77
Palau	Partly Cloudy	▲87	▼76
Yap	Partly Cloudy	▲87	▼77
Chuuk	Mostly Sunny	▲88	▼78
Pohnpei	Mostly Sunny	▲88	▼77
Kosrae	Mostly Sunny	▲89	▼77
Majuro	Mostly Cloudy	▲87	▼78

Around the Globe			
Auckland	Fair	▲59	▼50
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▲68	▼54
Hong Kong	Fair	▲91	▼72
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲80	▼69
London	Sunny	▲52	▼48
Los Angeles	Clear	▲72	▼70
Manila	Partly Cloudy	▲90	▼79
Melbourne	Fair	▲59	▼43
Miami	Mostly Cloudy	▲80	▼76
New York	Rain	▲74	▼73
Osaka	Mostly Cloudy	▲75	▼41
Paris	Sunny	▲49	▼41
Busan	Mostly Cloudy	▲78	▼71
Rome	Mostly Cloudy	▲72	▼57
Salem	Sunny	▲72	▼51
San Francisco	Mostly Sunny	▲67	▼54
Seoul	Mostly Cloudy	▲68	▼66
Tokyo	Mostly Cloudy	▲70	▼63
Washington, DC	Rain	▲60	▼52

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Tides			
Saipan Harbor			
4:45 AM	Today	Low Tide:	-0.2 Feet
11:08 AM	Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet
5:10 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.7 Feet
10:34 PM	Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset		
Today	6:07 AM	6:07 PM
Friday	6:07 AM	6:06 PM
Saturday	6:07 AM	6:05 PM
Sunday	6:07 AM	6:05 PM
Monday	6:07 AM	6:04 PM

Moonrise/Moonset		
Today	8:55 PM	8:57 AM
Friday	9:48 PM	9:57 AM
Saturday	10:42 PM	10:55 AM
Sunday	11:36 PM	11:51 AMM
Monday	-	12:42 PM

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UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3	UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7	UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:20pm	4:00pm	6, 7 via Rota	UA5039	1:00pm	1:50pm	6, 7
UA5078	3:10pm	4:00pm	1, 5	UA5038	1:00pm	2:35pm	2, 4 via Rota
UA5038	3:10pm	4:00pm	2, 4	UA5077	1:50pm	2:40pm	1, 5
UA5040	6:55pm	7:45pm	1, 5	UA5041	5:35pm	6:25pm	1, 5
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7	UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5044	10:40pm	11:30pm	1, 5	UA5043	9:20pm	10:10pm	1, 5
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)				GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
UA5039	2:20pm	2:55pm	6, 7	UA5038	1:00pm	1:35pm	2, 4
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)				ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN			
UA5039	3:25pm	4:00pm	6, 7	UA5038	2:05pm	2:40pm	2, 4
SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)				PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	1:05am+1	2, 6 via NRT	DL298	4:30am	2:55pm	3, 7 via NRT
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 6	DL298	10:25am	2:55pm	Daily
DL297	4:30pm	7:15pm	Daily	DL288	8:55pm	1:25am+1	3, 4, 5, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1	7C3402	8:45am	2:15pm	3, 5, 6
OZ6063	2:25am	6:00am	3, 4, 6	7C3402	9:30am	3:20pm	1, 2, 4, 7
OZ626	3:20am	7:00am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
7C3403	4:35am	8:20am	1, 2, 3, 6, 7	OZ6053	7:55pm	1:25am+1	2, 3, 5, 6
7C3403	5:25am	9:10am	4, 5	OZ625	8:20pm	1:50am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3401	3:15pm	7:35pm	3, 5, 6	7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily
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SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7	OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU764	1:30am	5:30am	3, 5, 7	MU763	4:30pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
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OZ626/701	3:20am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
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DL287/275	6:05am	9:40pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6 via NRT	UA184/5071	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
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UA5068/179	8:00am	9:55pm	3 via GUM				
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Soon after the new school year started, the Eskuelan San Francisco De Borja administration, faculty and staff, and the board of directors immediately spring into action to help their neighboring island of Saipan that had just been devastated by Typhoon Soudelor.

ESFDB students and parents solicited pledges for their 2K Health Walk-a-Thon fundraiser, which was held on Sept. 19, 2015. Proceeds were donated to Karidat.

Accepting the donation on behalf of Karidat was Rev. Fr. James Balajadia.

The students, joined by their teachers, parents, and supporters, walked from the Tatachong Pavilion to the school campus.

"The fundraiser is for a worthy cause [while] at the same time we are encouraging health and fitness," said administrator/principal Carmen H. Atalig. "We're committed to helping out, and this event helps us commit to helping the CNMI community. We're really excited."

"Generous donors helped make the walk-a-thon a success. We exceeded our goal and we are grateful to these donors for their kind heart," added Atalig.

Angelo Lucero, 8th grade student and student body president, said he immediately thought about the victims after seeing photos of the devastation caused by Typhoon Soudelor. "I'm just thinking like how it just feels so good that we're doing this for a good cause."

"They [Saipan community] were there for us in our time of need. Now it's our turn for our faithful Luta community

ESFDB hosts 2K walkathon fundraiser for Saipan



Eskuelan San Francisco De Borja faculty, staff, students, parents, and friends pose with Rota Department of Public Safety personnel after the school's 2K Walk-A-Thon fundraiser.

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to give back to our brothers and sisters of the Saipan community," said board chair Edward Maratita Jr. "In addition, students, parents, and teachers had fun walking, which emphasized the importance of a healthy, active lifestyle."

Also, Eskuelan San Francisco de Borja had been designated to accept donations on behalf of Karidat. Anyone interested in making a donation may stop by the business office and drop off your donation.

The administration, faculty and staff, students, and board of directors would like to express their appreciation to the parents, pledge donors, Rev. Fr. Balajadia, Department of Public Safety-Police and Fire/EMS Division, and Jeremy and Imelda Atalig. (ESFDB)

Laos hires three more lawyers in case against Bridge Capital

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REPORTER

Three lawyers from North Carolina-based law firm Parker Poe are joining as co-counsel of attorney William M. Fitzgerald for the Lao People's Democratic Republic in the case against Saipan-based Bridge Capital LLC.

Attorneys John D. Branson, Eric H. Cottrell, and Chip Holmes have requested the U.S. District Court for the NMI to be admitted to practice as Fitzgerald's co-counsel for Laos.

Branson, Cottrell, and Holmes, all members of Parker Poe law firm, said they have been retained by Laos in this case.

Parker Poe law firm provides legal counsel to large and commercial organizations. Its specialties are banking and finance, banking law, real estate, and commercial development.

Last June 12, Laos, through Fitzgerald, asked the U.S. District Court for the NMI to issue a subpoena against Saipan-based Bridge Capital LLC.

The subject of the subpoenas are Bridge Capital LLC, which owns shares of Sanum Invest-

ments Ltd. and is wholly owned by John Baldwin and Shawn Scott, and Bridge Capital's chief financial officer, David Jensen.

U.S. District Court for the NMI designated judge David O. Carter set the hearing on the application for issuance of subpoenas for Nov. 17, 2015, at 9am.

Attorney Michael Dotts is counsel for Bridge Capital LLC, along with attorney Deborah Deitsch-Perez.

In Laos' application, Fitzgerald disclosed that Baldwin, of Bridge Capital, is under criminal and tax investigations in Lao PDR for allegedly bribing Lao PDR officials of over \$300,000 that caused the termination of an audit and cost the Lao government \$70 million in lost tax revenue over a five-year period from the operations of Baldwin group's casino.

Fitzgerald asked the federal court to allow Lao PDR to serve a subpoena on Bridge Capital on Saipan, and on Bridge Capital chief financial officer David Jensen, in connection with the criminal and tax investigations in Laos and in connection with two international arbitration proceedings pending in Singapore.

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CARNIVAL FOR KIDS

Millie and Geo from Team Umizoomi of Nickelodeon are among the guests of Docomo Pacific at their Kids4kids event last Tuesday.

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CHUSEOK FESTIVAL

A group of Korean youths perform a song number for their community during Chuseok, the Korean version of Thanksgiving, held last Sunday at Saipan World Resort.

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Volunteer kids were chosen to play a game with SpongeBob at the Kids4kids event of Docomo Pacific.

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High school girls from the Korean Catholic Church perform their pop song and dance numbers to entertain their families and friends during their festival dinner.

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Kids flock to the Royal Taga Hall of the Saipan World Resort to see SpongeBob Squarepants.

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Families and friends of the Korean Association of Saipan gather to celebrate their Thanksgiving holiday, Chuseok, on Saturday at the Saipan World Resort.

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Winners of the game with SpongeBob claim their prizes.

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

JVA No. 15-045

Opening Date: **Thursday, October 01, 2015**
Closing Date: **Wednesday, October 14, 2015**

Trades Assistant (Lineperson)

Duties: Under the direct supervision of the Deputy Director Rota or designee. Assists with installations, repairs and general maintenance in assigned service area; operates motorized vehicles, equipment machinery, and hand and power tools. Performs routine and preventative maintenance on equipment, vehicles, systems and/or infrastructure; performs basic inspections; and conducts basic troubleshooting of issues. Responds to trouble calls as needed. Prepares job site for work including gathering and setting up materials and supplies, and setting work safety barriers for protection and to direct traffic flow away from work site. Gathers, cleans and returns equipment, materials and supplies used. Cleans and maintains work site after project or repair work is complete. Monitors equipment; takes readings and collects data; documents equipment readings; prepares and submits data and work reports. Performs inventory spot checks to ensure adequate materials and supplies are available for daily maintenance activities. Servicing equipment by disassembling, assembling, cleaning and calibrating; Assisting with equipment inspections; Monitoring gauges on engine generators; Reading meters and collecting data; Monitor and maintain pump fuel; Operating incinerators; Operating oil and water separator pump; Servicing and preparing oil filters; Responding to customer calls; Maintaining grounds, trimming trees and removing obstacles; Fabricating materials for required parts. Performs other duties of a similar nature and level as assigned.

LOCATION: Rota, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.**SALARY:** \$16,742.00 per annum.**CONTRACT:** Not Contracted.**POSITION(S):** Two (2)

Minimum Requirements: High School Diploma or GED or ABE Program AS. Knowledge of: Customer service principles; Basic mathematical concepts; Safety procedures and safe work practices; Modern office technology. Skills in: Providing customer service; Reading maps and drawings; Operating heavy and light equipment machinery, hand and power tools required of assigned area; Adhering to safety procedures and safe work practices; Prioritizing tasks and managing time for efficiency; Identifying issues and solving problems; Providing attention to detail; Taking equipment readings and recording data; Maintaining activity logs and reports; Utilizing a computer and relevant software applications; Utilizing communication and interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, and others to sufficiently exchange or convey information and to receive work direction. Applicants may be tested. Subject to pre-employment drug test.

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Opening Date: **Thursday, October 01, 2015**
Closing Date: **Wednesday, October 14, 2015**

Administrative Assistant

Duties: Under the direct supervision of the Deputy Director Rota or his/her designee. Gathers, assembles, updates, processes and/or distributes forms, documents, requests, invoices, mail and/or records; reviews information for completeness, accuracy and content; resolves discrepancies; prepares information for processing and disseminates and/or maintains documentation. Provides reception duties and responds to requests for information; provides customer support with completing forms and answering routine questions; refers inquiries as required to the appropriate resource; and advises management of issues for resolution. Enters data in systems or on documents; organizes and maintain files, records, logs, and/or timesheets; ensure file integrity and retention of records and documentation according to established procedures. Retrieves and/or prepares reports, correspondence, documents, deposits, account adjustments and other related documentation. Monitors supplies, materials and/or equipment inventory; prepares requisitions replenishment of supplies or required services; monitors order status; coordinates deliveries and services with vendors; and may provide pick up or delivery of documents or items as needed. Performs other duties of a similar nature and level as assigned.

LOCATION: Rota, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.**SALARY:** \$16,742.00 per annum.**CONTRACT:** Not Contracted.**POSITION(S):** One (1)

Minimum Requirements: High School Diploma or GED or ABE Program AS. Knowledge of: Applicable Federal, Commonwealth and local laws, codes, regulations and/or ordinances (based on assignment); Customer service principles; Basic filing and recordkeeping principles; Basic mathematical concepts; Basic inventory and supplies maintenance practices; Specialized equipment relevant to area of assignment; Modern office technology. Skills in: Interpreting and applying applicable laws, codes, regulations and standards (based on assignment); Providing customer service; Filing, organizing and maintaining records and files; Preparing basic reports, correspondence and documentation; Managing time and prioritizing requests; Providing attention to detail; Proofreading documents for accuracy; Identifying errors and making corrections; Reviewing and researching account information; Maintaining confidentiality of records and information; Utilizing a computer and relevant software applications; Utilizing communication and interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, and others to sufficiently exchange or convey information and to receive work direction. Applicants may be tested. Subject to pre-employment drug test.

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Safety Compliance Technician

Duties: Under the direct supervision of the Deputy Director Rota or his/her designee. Assists in inspections to inform, enforce and regulate compliance and environmental issues; writes citations for corrective actions. Assists in responding to incidents and emergencies to ensure compliance with laws, rules and regulations; ensures customer issues are addressed and proper procedures are followed. Drafts reports on accidents and incidents; maintains files, records and logs. Assists in conducting a wide variety of workshops and/or orientations. Performs other duties of a similar nature and level as assigned.

LOCATION: Rota, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.**SALARY:** \$20,826.00 per annum.**CONTRACT:** Not Contracted.**POSITION(S):** One (1)

Minimum Requirements: High School Diploma or GED or ABE Program AS and, based on assignment, up to 2 years of related work experience. Knowledge of: Applicable Federal, Commonwealth and local laws, codes, regulations and/or ordinances; Investigation techniques; Safety procedures; Mitigation procedures; Modern office technology. Skills in: Interpreting and applying applicable laws, codes, regulations and standards; Conducting inspections; Conducting investigations; Reading plans and specifications; Performing testing; Preparing reports; Giving presentations; Conducting workshops; Utilizing a computer and relevant software applications; Utilizing communication and interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, and others to sufficiently exchange or convey information and to receive work direction. Applicants may be tested. Subject to pre-employment drug test.

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Closing Date: **Wednesday, October 14, 2015**

Warehouse Assistant

Duties: Under the direct supervision of the Deputy Director Rota or designee. Assists with physical inventories of stock, materials and supplies; takes material counts and/or verifies counts. Prepares, packs and delivers materials and supplies; receives and responds to division and department material needs and requests. Loads and unloads materials and supplies; assists with offloading containers and materials; operates forklift as needed. Verifies quantities and quality of materials received; prepares receiving documents and reports; routes and delivers paperwork. Maintains order and in worksites and warehouse areas; stocks and restocks inventory materials in designated bin locations; may assist in determining whether materials are scrapped or salvaged. Prepares and issues materials for air, sea or postal delivery; reviews pick lists and verifies quantities and material accuracy. Performs other duties of a similar nature and level as assigned.

LOCATION: Rota, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.**SALARY:** \$14,704.00 per annum.**CONTRACT:** Not Contracted.**POSITION(S):** One (1)

Minimum Requirements: High School Diploma or GED or ABE Program AS. Knowledge of: Customer service principles; Basic mathematical concepts; Safety procedures and safe work practices; Modern office technology. Skills in: Preparing, packing, issuing and delivering materials and supplies; Verifying material quantities and quality; Providing attention to detail; Operating heavy and light equipment machinery, hand and power tools required of assigned area; Adhering to safety procedures and safe work practices; Prioritizing tasks and managing time for efficiency; Identifying issues and solving problems; Providing attention to detail; Taking equipment readings and recording data; Maintaining activity logs and reports; Utilizing a computer and relevant software applications; Utilizing communication and interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, and others to sufficiently exchange or convey information and to receive work direction. Applicants may be tested. Subject to pre-employment drug test.

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Facing Congress, Planned Parenthood chief rebuts videos

WASHINGTON (AP)—The head of Planned Parenthood defended the women's health organization Tuesday before a Republican-run Congress bent on slashing its federal funding, telling lawmakers that accusations against her group fed by stealthily recorded videos are "offensive and categorically untrue."

In Planned Parenthood's first appearance before Congress since those videos emerged this summer, Republicans on the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee argued that the group needs no taxpayer financing. They cited Planned Parenthood tax documents showing it spends millions on political activities, travel and exorbitant salaries.

"That's money that's not going to women's health care," said committee Chairman Jason Chaffetz, R-Utah. "It's a political organization, and that's something that needs to be ferreted out."

Cecile Richards, Planned Parenthood's president, told the lawmakers that her group has fallen victim to a "smear campaign" based on videos in which its officials coolly describe how they sometimes harvest tissue from aborted fetuses for scientific research.

Conservatives and many Republicans say the videos, made by abortion foes posing as private purchasers of fetal organs, show Planned Parenthood has broken federal laws including a ban on for-profit fetal tissue sales. The organization says it's acted legally and says the videos were deceitfully edited.

"The outrageous accusations leveled against Planned Parent-

hood, based on heavily doctored videos, are offensive and categorically untrue," Richards said.

Richards also said the videos have inspired an increase in threats against Planned Parenthood clinics.

The recordings have pumped Planned Parenthood and the abortions many of its nearly 700 clinics provide into an electric political issue, with many GOP presidential candidates frequently lambasting the group. Conservatives' demands that Congress cut its federal payments—for which Republicans lack the votes to succeed—contributed to the GOP unrest that prompted House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, to announce his resignation last week.

Planned Parenthood gets around a third of its \$1.3 billion yearly budget from federal payments, mostly reimbursements for treating low-income Medicaid patients. By law, nearly no federal funds can be used for abortion. The group provides contraception, sexual disease testing and cancer screenings as well as abortions in clinics from coast to coast.

Congress is on track to approve legislation this week preventing an imminent federal shutdown and continuing federal payments to Planned Parenthood. But House committees began working Tuesday on separate legislation that would cut most of the organization's federal money and would be immune to Senate filibuster by Democrats. That means that measure has a strong chance of reaching President Barack

Planned Parenthood funding

In the budget deal, do you think Planned Parenthood funding should be eliminated or maintained?



If the government shuts down, who do you blame?

Sept. 2015

Republicans	Democrats	Both equally	Don't know
40%	26%	23%	11%

Sept. 2013

Republicans	Obama administration	Both equally	Don't know
39%	36%	17%	8%

Source: Pew Research Center
Graphic: Staff, Tribune News Service

Obama's desk, where it would face certain veto.

Richards said just 1 percent of its clinics retrieve fetal tissue when abortion patients request it. She said she is "proud" of the work, which is used to research cures and treatments for diseases, but called it a "mi-

nuscle" part of the services Planned Parenthood provides.

Tuesday's hearing occurred in a crowded but orderly hearing room dotted by Planned Parenthood supporters in pink T-shirts. Also seated were abortion opponents who initially wore masking tape over

their mouths bearing the word "Life," which they removed when asked by police.

The audience witnessed bitter partisan exchanges between lawmakers that have typified their reactions to the videos.

After noting that nearly all of Planned Parenthood's political activity benefits Democrats, Rep. Jim Jordan, R-Ohio, said, "No wonder they're defending this repulsive game." He also called the organization's fetal tissue work "barbaric."

And after Chaffetz cited tax documents he said showed that Richards—seated before him—was earning \$590,000 yearly, Rep. Carolyn Maloney, D-N.Y., accused him of "beating up on a woman, to our witness today, for making a good salary."

That remark came as both parties gear up for a campaign year in which both parties will vie for female voters.

Republicans repeatedly asked Richards how much

money Planned Parenthood makes from the more than 300,000 abortions it performs annually. She said she did not have a figure but said she's submitted forms from each of the group's 59 local affiliates detailing their income.

The hearing came the same day the House used a near party-line vote to let states stop reimbursing abortion providers with Medicaid, which is jointly funded with federal and state money. The GOP measure, which would make it harder for low-income people to find doctors who provide abortion, has little chance in the Senate.

It also came a day after state investigators in Missouri said they'd uncovered "no evidence whatsoever" that the state's only surgical abortion facility sells fetal remains. At least five other states—Georgia, Indiana, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and South Dakota—also have cleared Planned Parenthood of breaking laws.

Mormons acknowledge early polygamy days at renovated museum

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—The Mormon church's renovated history museum set to reopen this week features a small and surprising display about an uncomfortable part of the faith's history that for generations has been glossed over: polygamy.

The display is tucked inside a modern revamped museum that tells the story of how the church was founded and formed in the eastern U.S. from 1820-1846 before Mormons trekked across the country to settle in Utah. Inside a special 220-seat theater, visitors can watch a theatrical dramatization of founder Joseph Smith's much-dissected visit from God and Jesus in 1820 in the woods of upstate New York that led to the foundation of the religion.

The decision by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to provide more details

about what is known as this "first vision" and acknowledge the early days of polygamy—a practice that has been outlawed by the mainstream church since 1890—marks the latest illustration of the religion's push for transparency over secrecy when it comes to its history and beliefs, religious scholars said.

"The fact that this is going to be deeply embedded in this kind of official narrative at the church's signature museum is significant," said Patrick Mason, associate professor of religion at Claremont Graduate University in California and Howard W. Hunter Chair of Mormon Studies. "This is where Mormons take their kids. This is where Mormon youth groups go."

The museum is in downtown Salt Lake City near the religion's much-visited flagship temple, where thousands of out-

of-town visitors and Mormons from all over the world come to visit. The exhibit opens on Wednesday after being closed one year for renovations.

At a ribbon-cutting ceremony Tuesday, top-ranking Mormon leader Jeffrey R. Holland said the first museum revamp since 1984 shows the religion's commitment to documenting and honoring the faith's history. He said many Latter-day Saints will have a spiritual experience seeing artifacts that include clothes worn by Smith's brother Hyrum Smith when the two were killed by a mob in 1844.

Holland said the polygamy display was included because "plural marriage was a fact of life for the early Mormon church."

"It wouldn't be much history in this church if that were not acknowledged," said Holland, a member of the faith's govern-

ing body called the Quorum of the Twelve. "It's not a principal part of the exhibit, but we acknowledge that was a fact for some years in the church."

The reopening comes nearly a year after the church published an essay documenting that Smith had a teenage bride and was married to other men's wives during the faith's early polygamous days. That online article was the first time the Salt Lake City-based religion had officially acknowledged facts long documented by historians, though it also had not denied them.

The church has also published articles in recent years about other sensitive topics: sacred undergarments worn by devout members; a past ban on black men in the lay clergy; and the misconception that Mormons are taught they will get their own planet in the afterlife.

Clerk who rejected licenses for gays says she met with pope

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP)—A Kentucky clerk who went to jail for defying a federal court's orders to issue same-sex marriage licenses says she met briefly with the pope during his historic visit to the United States. Vatican officials did not respond to an email asking for comment early Wednesday.

Rowan County clerk Kim Davis and her husband met privately with Pope Francis last Thursday afternoon at the Vatican Embassy in Washington, D.C., for less than 15 minutes, said her lawyer, Mat Staver.

Davis, an Apostolic Christian, spent five days in jail earlier this month for defying a federal court order to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples. In a telephone interview late Tuesday, Staver would not say who initiated

the meeting with the pope or how it came to be, though he did say that Vatican officials had inquired about Davis' situation while she was in jail. He declined to name them.

Davis was in Washington for the Values Voter Summit, where the Family Research Council, which opposes same-sex marriage, presented her with an award for defying the federal judge.

Pope Francis did not focus on the divisive debate over same-sex marriage during his visit last week. As he left the country, he told reporters who inquired that he did not know Davis' case in detail, but he defended conscientious objection as a human right.

"It is a right. And if a person does not allow others to be a conscientious objector, he denies a right," Francis said.

Trump gives Putin an 'A' on leadership

NEWARK, N.J. (AP)—One day after President Barack Obama and Russian President Vladimir Putin made little headway in their standoff over Syria at their first formal meeting in more than two years, Republican presidential hopeful Donald Trump is agreeing with Putin on his backing of Syrian President Bashar Assad.

Speaking on Fox News Channel's "The O'Reilly Factor" Tuesday evening, the billionaire businessman and presidential front-runner praised Russia's recent military buildup in Syria and expressed little concern for Putin's support for his longtime

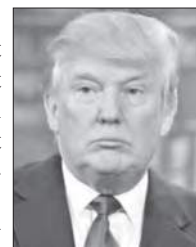
Syrian ally.

"If he wants to fight ISIS, let him fight ISIS," Trump said in an interview taped at his Trump Tower skyscraper in Manhattan.

"I say there's very little downside with Putin fighting ISIS," he added.

The U.S. has long insisted that Syria's future cannot include Assad. But Putin has cast Assad's government as the best defense against Islamic State militants, a group the U.S. is also working to defeat.

Trump also suggested that



Trump

Assad, who has used barrel bombs and chemical weapons against civilians, was preferable to other potential options.

"Personally, I've been looking at the different players and I've been watching Assad,

Trump said, "... and I'm looking at Assad and saying maybe he's better than the kind of people that we're supposed to be backing because we don't even know who we're backing. We have no idea."

Obama and Putin have a tense relationship that was on full display as the pair met at the

United Nations General Assembly in New York.

Trump has long predicted that he would get along well with Putin and declared Monday that, "Putin is a nicer person than I am." He repeated his criticism that Putin is the better leader when compared with Obama.

"I will tell you that, in terms of leadership, he's getting an 'A' and our president is not doing so well," he said. "They did not look good together."

It was Trump's first appearance on Fox since he announced last week that he'd be boycotting the network for "the foreseeable future" because of what he deemed unfair treatment.

The boycott lasted less than a week.

Asia

Alleged rapes spur Rohingya upheaval in Indonesia camp

BLANG ADOE, Indonesia (AP)—More than 200 ethnic Rohingya stormed out of an Indonesian encampment Tuesday as tensions erupted following alleged rapes and beatings by locals at the site where members of Myanmar's long-persecuted minority have been held since arriving by boat four months ago.

The incident occurred after authorities forced one of the females to go to a hospital. Other Rohingya did not want her to leave, fearing she could be abused more if separated from the group, said Steve Hamilton, deputy chief of mission at the International Organization for Migration in Indonesia.

That "caused some panic and a brief chaotic response, with Rohingya trying to stop the ambulance," he said at the scene.

Four females and six males,

aged 14 to 28, said they were attempting to flee the camp Monday night because they wanted to go to neighboring Malaysia, where a large community of Muslim Rohingya exists, Hamilton said. They said they were stopped not far from the camp by a group of Indonesian men with masks and taken into the woods, where they were beaten and three of the females were raped, including a 14-year-old.

"When they returned to the camp, word of sexual abuse and torture committed by local residents blew up at the camp," said Lhokseumawe district Police Chief Lt. Col. Anang Triarsono.

He said that anger boiled over Tuesday when the Rohingya surged out of the camp carrying rolls of clothes and other supplies. They were later persuaded to return.

"We very much regret this incident and will definitely thoroughly investigate it," said Amir Hamzah, a spokesman for the district government in North Aceh. He said the females were traumatized and wanted to seek medical attention, but were stopped when Rohingya men in the camp insisted they stay.

Immigration officials were working to identify everyone who returned to the camp Tuesday night after the tensions calmed, and some women were being examined at the hospital, said North Aceh Deputy Police Chief Maj. Irsyad Haryadi. "We are still investigating this serious case while waiting for the hospital results," he said. No arrests have been made, and Haryadi said it was difficult to find witnesses to corroborate the story.

Rights group: Filipino child miners risk lives in gold mines

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—The Philippine government has failed to protect thousands of children, some as young as 9 years old, who risk their lives by working in illegal, small-scale gold mines under terrifying conditions, a human rights group said Wednesday.

Human Rights Watch's report said the children work in unstable 25-meter (80-foot) deep pits or underwater along coastal shores or rivers, processing gold with mercury, a toxic metal that can cause irreversible health damage. Those who dive for gold stay underwater for several hours at a time in 10-meter- (30-foot-) deep shafts, receiving air through a tube attached to an air compressor.

The New York-based group

says it interviewed 135 people, including 65 child miners from 9 to 17 years of age, in eastern Camarines Norte and Masbate provinces in 2014 and 2015.

Labor Secretary Rosalinda Baldoz told the Associated Press that the government is addressing the problem by prosecuting those forcing the children to work, and by providing the children with health, education and livelihood programs.

The Philippines had nearly 5.5 million working children in 2011, according to government statistics, with 3.2 million of them considered child laborers because they worked long hours or in hazardous environments.

"Filipino children are working in absolutely terrifying conditions in small-scale gold mines," said Juliane Kippen-

berg, associate children's rights director at Human Rights Watch and author of the report. "The Philippine government prohibits dangerous child labor, but has done very little to enforce the law."

Several boys quoted in the report described the fear they felt when went down a dark, deep shaft for the first time. Dennis, now 14, said he was 13 when he first went under water.

"Sometimes, it feels like your eardrum is going to explode. I stay underwater for one to two hours. (Once) the man above me gave me the warning that something was wrong with the compressor, so I could immediately go up," the report quoted him as saying. "Sometimes if the machine leaks, I smell the fumes. Sometimes I feel dizzy because it's oil."

blamed for killing four bloggers this year. Home Minister Asaduzzam Khan said, however, that authorities had found no evidence that the Islamic State was involved in the killing.

Reports say China holds 2 Japanese on suspicion of spying

TOKYO (AP)—China is holding two Japanese men on suspicion of spying, Japanese media reported Wednesday. One man was picked up in May near military facilities in coastal Zhejiang province and the other near the border with North Korea about the same time, Japan's leading newspapers and television stations said. They cited unnamed sources familiar with Japan-China affairs. Japanese government officials declined to comment.

World

Saudi police say 1,100 photos of dead are from start of hajj

MECCA, Saudi Arabia (AP)—Saudi Arabia said Tuesday the nearly 1,100 photos distributed to foreign diplomats to help identify nationals who have died in the hajj are from the entire pilgrimage and not just a disaster near Mecca.

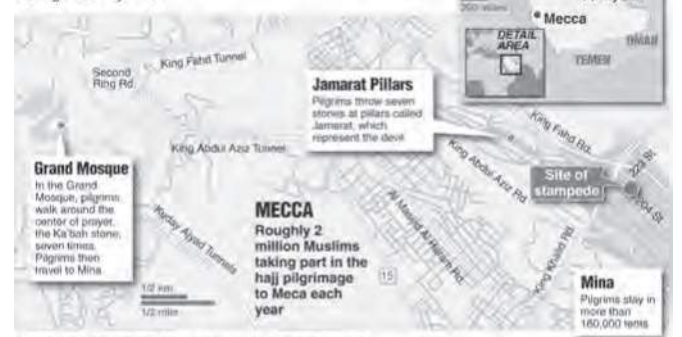
Officials in India and Pakistan said a day earlier that Saudi officials gave their diplomats some 1,090 pictures of those killed in last Thursday's disaster in Mina, where two waves of pilgrims converged on a narrow road, causing hundreds of people to suffocate or be trampled to death.

But Saudi Interior Ministry spokesman Maj. Gen. Mansour al-Turki told The Associated Press the pictures also include people who died of natural causes. Many are pilgrims who reside in the kingdom and perform the hajj without the legal permits. Some are laborers from South Asian countries who choose to work in the kingdom in order to perform the hajj.

The list also includes un-

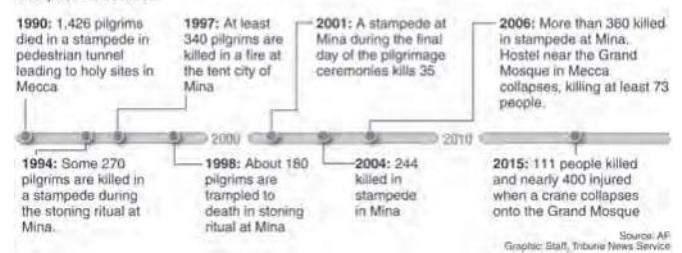
Stampede during hajj kills hundreds

A stampede killed more than 700 pilgrims and injured at least 863 Thursday on the outskirts of the holy city of Mecca in Saudi Arabia, the deadliest tragedy to strike the annual hajj pilgrimage in more than two decades. The pilgrims were walking towards the Jamarat Pillars, the hajj's last major rite.



Major hajj-related incidents in Saudi Arabia

The hajj and events surrounding it have been marred by accidents and tragedies, such as Thursday's stampede for decades.



identified victims from the 111 people who died when a crane tipped over into Mecca's Grand Mosque on Sept. 11.

The Saudi Health Ministry says the death toll for the incident in Mina on Sept. 24 re-

mains 769 people, with another 934 injured in the crush of pilgrims who were performing one of the final rites of the hajj. It was the worst disaster to strike the annual pilgrimage in a quarter-century.

Obama says fight against Islamic State group will take time

UNITED NATIONS (AP)—President Barack Obama on Tuesday pledged all possible tools—military, intelligence and economic—to defeat the Islamic State group, but acknowledged the extremist group has taken root in Syria and Iraq, is resilient and continues to expand.

Obama hosted a U.N. gathering of world leaders working to expand the battle against terrorism, a day after he and the leaders of Russia, China and Iran addressed the General Assembly during its 70th anniversary. The fight against terrorism, particularly in Syria, has seized the attention of top officials, but there has been no overall agreement on how to end the conflict there.

In other events at the annual gathering of world leaders:

■ Obama held talks with

Maldives minister says boat blast likely targeted president

UNITED NATIONS (AP)—The top diplomat of the Maldives said Tuesday an explosion on the boat of the island nation's leader was likely a targeted attack.

Foreign Minister Dunya Maumoon told The Associated Press it remained unclear who may have been behind the explosion Monday when the boat carrying President Yameen Abdul Gayoom and his wife reached the main jetty in the capital Male as they returned from Saudi Arabia after performing hajj.

Gayoom was unhurt. His

wife Fathimath Ibrahim and an aide suffered minor injuries, while a bodyguard was more seriously hurt.

Maumoon said the government has announced "it is likely that it was a targeted attack against the president, in which case it is something extremely serious and I strongly condemn it."

"It's fortunate that lives were not lost and that injuries were minor," Maumoon said in an interview on the sidelines of the U.N. General Assembly where she was representing

the Indian Ocean nation.

Saudi Arabian investigators and FBI experts are among those involved in the multinational probe of the blast. More forensic experts from the Western Australian police as well as from India and Sri Lanka were due to join the team Tuesday.

Maumoon said that an attempt on the life of the leader of the country would be unprecedented. She declined to say whether it could have been related to domestic politics or religious extremism.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Thai royal palace says king recovers from lung infection

BANGKOK (AP)—Thailand's 87-year-old king has recovered from a lung infection that had required him to be fed intravenously and use a machine to aid his breathing, the royal palace said. Doctors reported Monday that a blood test and a chest X-ray showed that an infection detected in early September had cleared up, the palace said in a statement. It said King Bhumibol Adulyadej's pulse, blood pressure, breathing, blood oxygen level and body temperature were normal. "The doctors stopped giving him antibiotic medicines and stopped putting him on a drip," said the statement, released late Monday. "They will still give him physical therapy."

Islamic State group says it guns down Italian in Bangladesh

DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP)—The Islamic State group has claimed responsibility for gunning down an Italian aid worker in the diplomatic quarter of Bangladesh's capital, according to an intelligence group that monitors jihadist threats, while the government said it had no evidence to back up that claim. The claim by the Islamic State group could not immediately be verified independently. If confirmed, it would mark the Sunni extremist group's first attack in Bangladesh, a secular country with a predominantly Muslim population. The South Asian nation has been struggling in recent months with the rapid rise of hardline Islamist groups, banning several that have been

Life & Style

Damon, Scott book a return to space in 'The Martian'

TORONTO (AP)—"The Martian" was briefly stranded in Hollywood development when Ridley Scott reached out to Matt Damon, the star attached to the stalled project.

The script by Drew Goddard ("Cabin in the Woods") from Andy Weir's novel was full of the kind of nerdy humor and science geekery that few would associate with the masculine epics Scott is known for. But the 77-year-old British director tends not to concern himself with such trifles.

"He goes, 'We've never met,'" recalls Damon, barking an impression of the no-nonsense Scott. "And I said, 'No, we've never met.' He goes, 'The script is good!' And I said, 'Yeah.' He goes, 'It's (expletive) great.' 'Yeah.' 'Why aren't we making this?' I said, 'I guess we are.'"

The unexpected combinations of talent that went into making "The Martian" are fitting for a movie of such hybrid entertainments. It's a space tale more grounded in science fact than fiction; a 3-D popcorn movie full of mathematics; an ode to science that's funny.

"The Martian," which 20th



AP
This photo released by 20th Century Fox shows Matt Damon in a scene from the film, "The Martian."

Century Fox will release Friday, is that rare earthly creature: a blockbuster with brains. There may be water on Mars, as NASA announced Monday, but there's been a drought at the multiplex.

Damon stars as astronaut Mark Watney, whose crewmembers, thinking him dead from a flying piece of debris, leave him behind on Mars as they rush to flee a sand storm. Alone on the red planet, Watney's fate is seemingly sealed, but through his own scientific ingenuity, improvises his survival. NASA (including an en-

semble of Jeff Daniels, Chiwetel Ejiofor and Jessica Chastain) mounts a rescue mission with its own scientific dexterity.

Rarely has there been a film more celebratory of the space program and the problem-solving power of science. NASA has embraced the film with celestial warmth, screening it for the crew on the International

Space Station.

The solitary extreme of "The Martian" may be reminiscent of "Gravity," but its closeness to another recent space drama infused with the spirit of space exploration—Christopher Nolan's "Interstellar," in which Damon was also alone on a distant planet—gave the actor pause.

Damon (who spoke in a re-

cent interview before comments he made about diversity and sexuality drew criticism) took a year and a half off from acting while his family (he has four daughters with wife Luciana Barroso) moved to Los Angeles. "The Martian" was his first film since "Interstellar."

"I said, 'Look, I'm in Chris's movie. I'm stranded on a planet,'" Damon recalls telling Scott. "If I then follow that up with a guy stranded on a planet..."

The director sought out Nolan to see an early cut of "Interstellar" and decided the similarity wasn't an issue. "I mean, they're making another Batman movie already," laughs Damon, alluding to the upcoming role for his friend, Ben Affleck.

Space, of course, is also a familiar frontier to Scott, who forever endeared himself to sci-fi fans early in his career with "Blade Runner" and "Alien." Decades later, he's found himself firmly back in the genre with "The Martian" and 2013's "Prometheus," for which he's currently prepping one and, he says, possibly two sequels.

Aguilera connects with roots on Ecuador hunger relief trip

NEW YORK (AP)—Christina Aguilera has visited Haiti, Rwanda and Guatemala on relief effort trips, but last week in Ecuador she not only offered support to struggling and hungry children—she also connected with her roots.

Aguilera's father is from Ecuador. The trip marked the first time the 34-year-old singer, who was born in New York, had visited the country.

"This particular trip was sort of extra-special for me because it is my blood and heritage. My father was born in Ecuador and my grandfather was born in Quito, which is the city I stayed in. And we would drive out in the fields which were hours away by car and into the farmland and sort of refugee areas where people are struggling," Aguilera said in an interview with The Associated Press on Monday.

"This was a really interesting and raw way to go about it. It wasn't like I vacationed there in one of the more beautiful spots such as Galapagos Islands or things like that. I went into the fields and got to meet the women and children there who are really trying to survive," she said.

Aguilera has been a volunteer global spokesperson for Yum! Brands' World Hunger Relief since 2009. She has

visited Rwanda, Haiti and Guatemala.

She chose to visit Ecuador this year from a list provided to her, Aguilera said.

"I definitely had always wanted to go visit where my dad comes from, the culture, you know, not having sort of a consistent relationship at all in my life with him and not really knowing him as I've gotten older through the years as well. You know, there's a history there. But, you know, it is a part of my blood and a part of my heritage and a part of my people," she said. "And I would look at the faces and I would sort of ... sometimes feel like I saw a resemblance. I think it's important and I think it's good to know where you come from and sort of get to know your roots."

Aguilera said "it felt that much better to me that I was in a place that I felt so connected to and was able to give back to."

She's filmed a public service announcement to raise hunger awareness that will be released next month. Yum! Brands Inc., the parent company of Pizza Hut, Taco Bell and KFC, said its eight-year-old World Hunger Relief initiative has raised \$600 million in cash and food for the United Nations' World Food Programme and other organizations.

Kate Winslet has 'no reservations' about 'Steve Jobs' movie

TORONTO (AP)—There are so many reasons for Kate Winslet to feel great about the new "Steve Jobs" movie that it doesn't matter that critics panned the 2013 film "Jobs," which was also about the Apple Computer co-founder.

"I have no reservations whatsoever and so excited to be a part of this project," Winslet said in a recent interview at the Toronto Film Festival. She plays Joanna Hoffman, who worked closely with Jobs from the early days of Apple Computer.

Winslet's confidence comes

in part from the approach taken by the film's Oscar-winning team: writer Aaron Sorkin and director Danny Boyle. Both have a knack for tackling contemporary subject matter. But Winslet also feels that

with a figure as prominent in the public conscience as Jobs, it's hard to do a critically acclaimed biopic. So she's happy it wasn't made that way.

"It's actually very much not that. It is deliberately not that. Aaron



Winslet

on Sorkin decided that there was no interest for him in writing it in that way," explained Winslet, who was in Toronto to promote another film, "The Dressmaker."

Based on Walter Isaacson's book of the same name, the film was shot like a play, rehearsed like one, and told in three acts.

"Each act covers a different year: 1984, '88 and '98 in Steve Jobs' creative working life," Winslet said. "We shot each act in chronological order, one act

at a time."

While the actress said making the film was educational, she also said it was a "tough, but fascinating process."

"It was very, very challenging. It's 187 pages of continuous dialogue of just people talking," she said. "It was very hard for all of us to really come up with what Danny (Boyle) wanted and needed to put this film together."

"Steve Jobs" plays the New York Film Festival on Saturday, before opening nationwide on Oct. 8.

Michelle Obama: Girls, don't hold back in school

NEW YORK (AP)—First lady Michelle Obama has some advice for teenage girls: Don't shy from being the smartest kid in the class. And never mind what the boys think.

"Compete with the boys. Beat the boys," she told about 1,000 schoolgirls and young women Tuesday at an event aimed at publicizing her "Let Girls Learn" campaign to expand girls' access to education in developing countries and encourage American girls to take advantage of their opportunities. But the first lady also gave some impromptu, personal pep talks on handling the pressures of adolescence.

On dealing with the frustrations, embarrassments and slights of high school: "I know being a teenager is hard," but it's temporary and not a template for the rest of life: "Half these people, you're not going to know when you're 60."

And on whether being brainy comes at a social cost: "There is no boy, at this age, that is cute enough or interesting enough to stop you from getting your education," the water pump operator's daughter-turned-Harvard-trained lawyer said. "If I had worried about who liked me and who thought I was cute when I was your age, I wouldn't be

married to the president of the United States."

(To her point, the Obamas met well after high school, while both were working at a law firm.)

Mrs. Obama has made girls' schooling one of her signature issues during her husband's second term, particularly after the Islamic extremist group Boko Haram kidnapped more than 200 Nigerian schoolgirls in April 2014.

After she and the president unveiled Let Girls Learn in March, she traveled to Japan, Cambodia and London to promote it and introduced an online offshoot Saturday at the Global

Citizen Festival, asking concertgoers in New York's Central Park to tweet photos of themselves with the hashtag (hash)62MillionGirls. The number represents the number of girls worldwide the U.S. Agency for International Development has said are not in school.

Let Girls Learn involves hundreds of grassroots projects aimed at countering economic or cultural pressures that spur many girls to drop out—pressures such as early or forced marriage, fear for girls' safety as they travel to and from school, the expense of school fees, or societal beliefs that it's less important to educate girls than boys.

Lady Gaga to be named Woman of the Year by Billboard

NEW YORK (AP)—Lady Gaga is the woman of the year, according to Billboard magazine.

Billboard announced Tuesday that the pop star will be honored at its Dec. 11 Women in Music event in New York City. The decade-old event will be televised for the first time, on Lifetime on Dec. 18.

Gaga released the collaborative jazz album, “Cheek to Cheek,” with Tony Bennett last year. It won a Grammy Award, and the duo performed songs from the album on a 36-date tour.

Gaga also plans to release an album next year and will star in FX’s “American Horror Story: Hotel,” which premieres on Oct. 7.

The Women in Music event also honors the year’s 50 most powerful female executives in the music industry.



AP
In this Sept. 20, 2015 file photo, Lady Gaga arrives at the 67th Primetime Emmy Awards in Los Angeles.

Jim Carrey ‘shocked’ by death of former girlfriend

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Actor Jim Carrey says he was shocked and saddened to learn of the death of ex-girlfriend Cathriona White, likening the news to being hit by a lightning bolt.

The 30-year-old makeup artist was found dead in a Sherman

Oaks home on Monday, according to the Los Angeles County Coroner’s Office. Her death is being investigated as a possible suicide, with an examination scheduled for Wednesday.

In a statement released Tuesday, Carrey said that White was

a “kind and delicate Irish flower, too sensitive for this soil.” He said his heart goes out to her friends and family.

The 53-year-old Carrey dated White briefly in 2012. They were photographed together again in May.

Rare ‘Citizen Kane’ scripts fetch over \$102,000 at auction

NEW YORK (AP)—Orson Welles’ personal manuscripts for “Citizen Kane,” including the film’s final revised shooting script, brought over \$102,000 at auction.

The three screenplays were offered by Profiles in History on Tuesday. They illustrate the evolution in the creation of the classic masterpiece.

An original first rough draft of “American,” the working title for “Citizen Kane,” written in 1940 by Welles’ collaborator Herman Mankiewicz sold for \$32,000.

The Calabasas, California-based auctioneer said the next

draft featuring a fuller evolution of the script brought \$25,600.

The third and final revised shooting script fetched \$44,800. It includes Welles’ handwritten annotations, directing notes and camera-angle diagrams. It’s signed by most of the cast principals.

The seller was a close friend of Welles who acquired the material from the filmmaker, who died in 1985.

The sale also included a rare original 49-page CBS-issued transcript of the 1938 Mercury Theatre radio broadcast of “War of the Worlds” — an adaptation of H.G. Wells’ sci-

ence-fiction novel — and the cover letter from the network apologizing for the mass hysteria created by the realistic dramatization of a Martian invasion of Earth. It came from another collector and sold for \$28,800.

In addition, a typed manuscript with Welles’ handwritten directorial notes for a proposed television adaptation of “Citizen Kane” in the 1950s brought \$20,480.

Welles directed and starred in “Citizen Kane,” about the rise and fall of a publishing tycoon. He was 25 when the movie debuted in 1941.

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Media mogul Ted Turner buys ‘Dances with Wolves’ ranch

FORT PIERRE, S.D. (AP)—Media mogul Ted Turner has bought a South Dakota ranch that was the setting for part of the Academy Award-winning movie “Dances with Wolves.” Triple U Buffalo Ranch owner Kay Ingle confirmed the sale to the Capital Journal newspaper in Pierre and KCCR radio, saying the family is selling the property to pay off debts. Auctioneer Scott Shuman also confirmed the sale to KCCR. The Capital Journal reported that the registered deed for the ranch shows it was sold to a limited liability partnership based at another South Dakota buffalo ranch that Turner owns. Turner spokesman Phillip Evans told the newspaper that Turner does not comment on private business deals. The price listed with the register of deeds is \$32.4 million, or about \$720 per acre.

Katy Perry, Sting, Seinfeld to perform at benefit concert

NEW YORK (AP)—Katy Perry, Sting and Jerry Seinfeld will perform at a benefit concert of the David Lynch Foundation on Nov. 4. The “Change Begins Within” concert at Carnegie Hall in New York City will also include performances by Jim James, Angelique Kidjo and Sharon Isbin. Proceeds from the event will aid the foundation’s MEDITATE NEW YORK initiative, which provides transcendental meditation training to 10,000 at-risk New Yorkers for free. Tickets for the event, which range from \$150 to \$600, went on sale Tuesday. Director, screenwriter, and artist David Lynch and George Stephanopoulos of ABC News will serve as the evening’s hosts.

Clooney, Coen Brothers at ‘O Brother’ special screening

NEW YORK (AP)—George Clooney joined the Coen brothers and stars Tim Blake Nelson and John Turturro at a 15th anniversary screening of “O Brother, Where Art Thou?” Clooney, who’d left a successful television drama at the time, spoke at the New York Film Festival of the opportunity the movie presented. “I was an actor coming off ‘E.R.’... so I couldn’t believe my luck,” Clooney told The Associated Press Tuesday. Ethan Coen wrote the screenplay, based on “The Odyssey” by Homer, and directed it with his brother, Joel. He says they didn’t know why a depression-era movie about three escaped convicts appealed to them, but it did. The film was successful and critically acclaimed, but the soundtrack was a smash hit. It sold eight million albums, and earned the Grammy for Album of the Year.

Nicki Minaj gets TV sitcom; 50 Cent inks new Starz deal

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Television loves music stars, as two deals with Nicki Minaj and Curtis “50 Cent” Jackson demonstrate. ABC Family said Tuesday that Minaj will executive produce and appear in a new scripted comedy series for the cable channel. The sitcom will be based on her family’s move from Trinidad to the United States and Minaj’s development as an artist growing up in Queens, New York, the channel said. It will be shot in Queens this winter. The air date and other cast member were not announced. Also Tuesday, Starz said it has signed Jackson to an exclusive two-year deal to develop new projects for the channel. He also will continue to serve as executive producer on the drama series “Power,” which is in production for its third season on Starz.

The Who announce rescheduled tour dates, kick-off in Feb.

NEW YORK (AP)—The Who have announced the rescheduled dates for their axed fall tour, now kicking off in February 2016. The band said Tuesday that “The Who Hits 50!” tour will start Feb. 27 in Detroit. The band’s fall tour was canceled this month as lead singer Roger Daltrey recovers from viral meningitis. Daltrey said in a statement that “I am now on the mend and feeling a lot better.” Guitarist Pete Townshend added that the band “will be coming back stronger than ever!” Tickets for the originally scheduled shows will be honored at the new dates. The tour, celebrating The Who’s 50th anniversary, also will visit New York, Chicago, Los Angeles and Toronto. It wraps on May 29 in Las Vegas.

Pharrell, book publisher donating books to children in need

NEW YORK (AP)—Pharrell Williams and his book publisher have launched a “Happy” campaign for young readers. Along with Penguin Young Readers, the singer has partnered with FirstBook, a nonprofit literacy organization, to donate up to 50,000 books to children in low-income families. Penguin announced Tuesday that the Twitter hashtag (hash)readHappy had been established for fans to post thoughts or images on why reading makes them “Happy.” Every post shared elsewhere on social media will lead to a donation. “Every child on this planet deserves to experience the joy of reading,” Pharrell said in a statement issued through Penguin. Pharrell’s picture book, “Happy,” based on his hit song, comes out next week.

Man can't cope with pregnant girlfriend and ailing ex-wife

DEAR ABBY: My situation is upsetting and I don't know what to do anymore. My girlfriend, "Dana," is pregnant. My ex-wife showed up at our door with terminal cancer and nowhere to go. When I told her she could stay with us, Dana moved out.

There is no one that my ex can rely on except me. I am torn. I love Dana and don't want to lose her, but I can't turn my back on someone who has no one in her life who cares. I wish Dana could understand what I'm going through. Please help.

IN TURMOIL IN WISCONSIN

DEAR IN TURMOIL: Are you absolutely certain about your ex-wife's prognosis? Have you verified it? Why is she your ex-wife? Why are you the only one in her life who cares? Has she burned all her other bridges?

Without more information, your question is a tough one to answer. But if you love Dana, then the wrong woman is living with you. While you don't have to turn your back on your ex if she truly is terminal, you should absolutely find her other living arrangements.

DEAR ABBY: I am five years older than my fiance. He has never been married and has a daughter. We have been together

for a few years, and something has happened to make me wonder about him.

I thought it was funny that he bought Cosmopolitan magazine every month and talked about his flat belly. But I recently found my Victoria's Secret catalog hidden in his toolbox. I have also seen him look at other, much younger women. Am I making something out of nothing?

SUSPICIOUS IN MAINE

DEAR SUSPICIOUS: Yes. All men "look." It goes along with being male. As to his having stashed your lingerie catalog in his toolbox, that's rather chaste considering the number of men who buy Playboy, Hustler and watch online videos.

I don't know what conclusions you're jumping to, but you'll be better off clearing the air with your boyfriend rather than stewing about it. If you do it good-naturedly, it shouldn't make him defensive, and you'll get the answers you're looking for.

DEAR ABBY: I'm 16 and lead a pretty good life. I attend a fantastic school, do well, have lots of friends and am overall happy. I have siblings and a mom who love me. The thing is—I don't love her. It's not because of "teenage angst"; I just don't like her as a person. I'm polite to her and she doesn't know how I feel. How

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should I handle this?

CONCERNED DAUGHTER IN SAN FRANCISCO

DEAR CONCERNED DAUGHTER: I think you should "handle it" by keeping your trap shut. Not every mother likes/loves her daughter all the time either, but the feeling usually passes. Consider this: Because you have so many positive things going on in your life, your mother may have had something to do with it, so try to be a little less judgmental.

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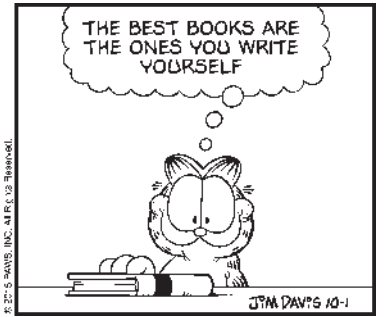
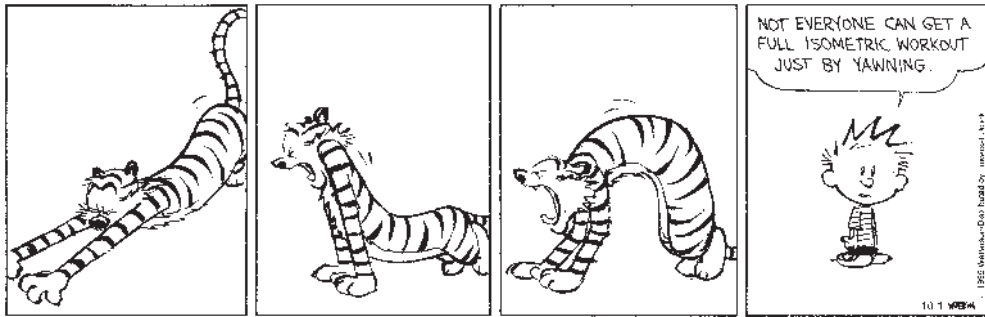
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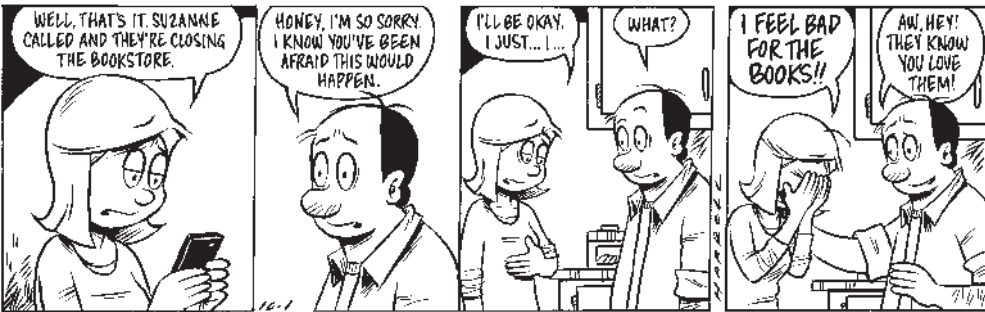


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13 Prompt
14 Judicial garb
15 Secular
16 Gorilla
17 Many Louvre pieces
18 Quick mission
20 Jousting weapons
22 Wade opponent
23 Tall tale
24 Bankruptcy cause
27 Jewelry container, maybe
32 Past
33 End for mob or text
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35 Positions for favorable viewing
38 Former mates

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2 Open something
3 Den
4 Farm wagon of a sort
5 College life
6 Dine (over)
7 Fall
8 Oddly funny
9 Larynx
10 Competent
11 Capone foe
19 "Just say —"
21 Foreman rival
24 Apply lightly
25 Swelled head
26 Sports-page summary
28 Last (Abbr.)
29 Meetings
30 U.K. award
31 Greek consonant
36 Was right for
37 Ambulance worker (Abbr.)
38 Sign up
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43 Pleasant say
44 Engrave, say
46 Maple genus
47 Pianist Peter
48 Crucial time
51 Series of skirmishes

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Yesterday's answer 10-1

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Get your paperwork in order and update your resume. Deal with any matters that concern a pet, colleague or professional responsibility. A subtle change to the way you present yourself will pay off. Plan a romantic evening or party with friends. ★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't get down about the things you have yet to accomplish. Focus on the present and what you can do to get one step closer to your goals. Think big and put physical effort into making your dreams come true. ★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You will feel anxious due to a slowdown in work. Take a practical approach and be realistic about your objectives, and you will find a suitable and timely way to succeed. A change at home will turn out to be a delightful surprise. ★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't be afraid to try something new. It's time to broaden your outlook and delve into the

interesting concepts or pastimes that will help you grow and improve your lifestyle. Don't disagree with someone until you have all the facts. ★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You can raise your profile and improve your reputation if you participate in community events. Your suggestions and ability to take charge and make things happen will attract interest from others. Don't let someone's jealousy ruin your day. ★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Think before you take on too much. Anger will result if you feel anxious or if you think someone is taking advantage of you. If something isn't working for you, take a different approach or head in the opposite direction. ★★★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Shake things up a bit. Make a point to get involved in something that moves you or pushes you to make new friends. Pursue an unusual pastime. Romance is highlighted, and making a commitment or promise is encouraged. ★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Approach what you do differently than you have in the past. The experience and what you learn along the way will improve the outcome and the response you receive. Alter the way you live and you'll feel rejuvenated. ★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Make positive changes to the way you live. Try to follow what has always worked for you in the past. Love is highlighted, but try not to let it influence your beliefs or cause problems with friends and relatives. ★★★

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Implementing ways to improve your health and well-being will result in added energy. Socializing and networking functions will help you explore new possibilities and find a way to a prosperous future. Invest more time and energy into your skills. ★★★★★



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Take control and get things done. Your insight and ability to wheel and deal will bring about major improvements to the way you live and your relationships with personal and professional partners. Love will conquer all and bring about positive changes. ★★★★★



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Be brutally honest when dealing with people who are being vague or making unrealistic promises. Look out for your interests and don't take on something that has the potential to drag you down if someone else doesn't do his or her part. ★★

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By Dave Green

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By DAVID OUELLET

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Dodgers clinch 3rd straight NL West title, beat Giants, 8-0



SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Clayton Kershaw pitched the big-money

Dodgers to their third straight NL West title, tossing a 1-hitter as Los Angeles beat the San Francisco Giants 8-0 on Tuesday night.

Kershaw allowed just a third-inning single and struck out 13, and the Dodgers (88-69) advance to face the NL East champion New York Mets in the best-of-five NL Division Series.

Kershaw (16-7) finally got the best of his 2015 nemesis in their fourth matchup of the year, striking out the side in order three times and retiring the final 19 batters as the Dodgers snapped a four-game losing streak.

Don Mattingly's Dodgers earned a third straight playoff berth for the first time in franchise history, and did so by snapping a seven-game losing streak at AT&T Park this year. It's also their sixth postseason berth in 10 years.

Justin Ruggiano and A.J. Ellis hit back-to-back home runs in the sixth to chase World Series MVP Madison Bumgarner (18-9), denying the Giants their first 19-game winner in 18 years.

Angels 8, Athletics 1

In Anaheim California, Albert Pujols had an RBI double among his three hits, Erick Aybar drove in three runs and the Los Angeles Angels took over the lead for the second AL wild-card playoff spot with their seventh consecutive victory.

A few minutes after matching their longest winning streak of the season, the Angels (83-74) moved a half-game ahead of the Astros (83-75) when Houston lost 6-4 at Seattle.

Nick Tropeano (3-2) struck out 11 during 6 2-3 innings of three-hit ball for the Angels, who have won 10 of 12 overall during their majors-best 18-8 run through September.

The Angels remained two games behind the AL West-leading Texas Rangers (85-72), who beat Detroit. The Minnesota Twins (81-75) were rained out in Cleveland, dropping them 1 1-2 games behind Los Angeles in the wild-card race.

With four games in Texas to close the season, the Angels are in control of their playoff destiny no matter the result of the wild-card race. Rebounding splendidly from an awful August, the Angels have chased down the AL leaders with five games to play.

Mariners 6, Astros 4

In Seattle, Shawn O'Malley damaged Houston's playoff hopes with a two-run, bases-loaded single in the eighth inning that gave Seattle a comeback victory.

The Astros, who are still in-

involved in two postseason races, were displaced in the American League wild-card chase by the Los Angeles Angels, an 8-1 winner over Oakland on Tuesday. The New York Yankees, who lost to Boston 10-4, maintains the top wild-card spot with the Angels now second. Houston slips a half-game behind Los Angeles.

As for the AL West race, division-leading Texas beat Detroit 7-6, and has a two-game lead over the Angels and 2 1-2 over the Astros.

The victory broke the Mariners' six-game losing streak.

Robinson Cano hit his 20th home run, a two-run shot in the sixth off Mike Fiers that tied the game at 4-all.

Rangers 7, Tigers 6

In Arlington Texas, Cole Hamels won his sixth consecutive decision, overcoming a shaky start to strike out eight in six innings, and AL West-leading Texas snapped a three-game skid.

Texas' lead in the division stretched to two games, with the Angels leapfrogging Houston for second place—the Astros are 2 1/2 games back. Los Angeles starts a four-game series in Texas Thursday to end the regular season.

Adrian Beltre had three hits and drove in two runs, including Shin-Soo Choo when they had consecutive doubles in the fourth to break a 6-all tie. Choo also had a two-run homer in the first.

Hamels is 6-1 in 11 starts since getting traded from Philadelphia at the end of July, and the Rangers have won his last nine starts after losing the first two. The lefty surpassed 200 innings for the seventh time in his career and 200 strikeouts for the fourth time.

Buck Farmer (0-4), the second of six Detroit pitchers, retired the first six batters he faced.

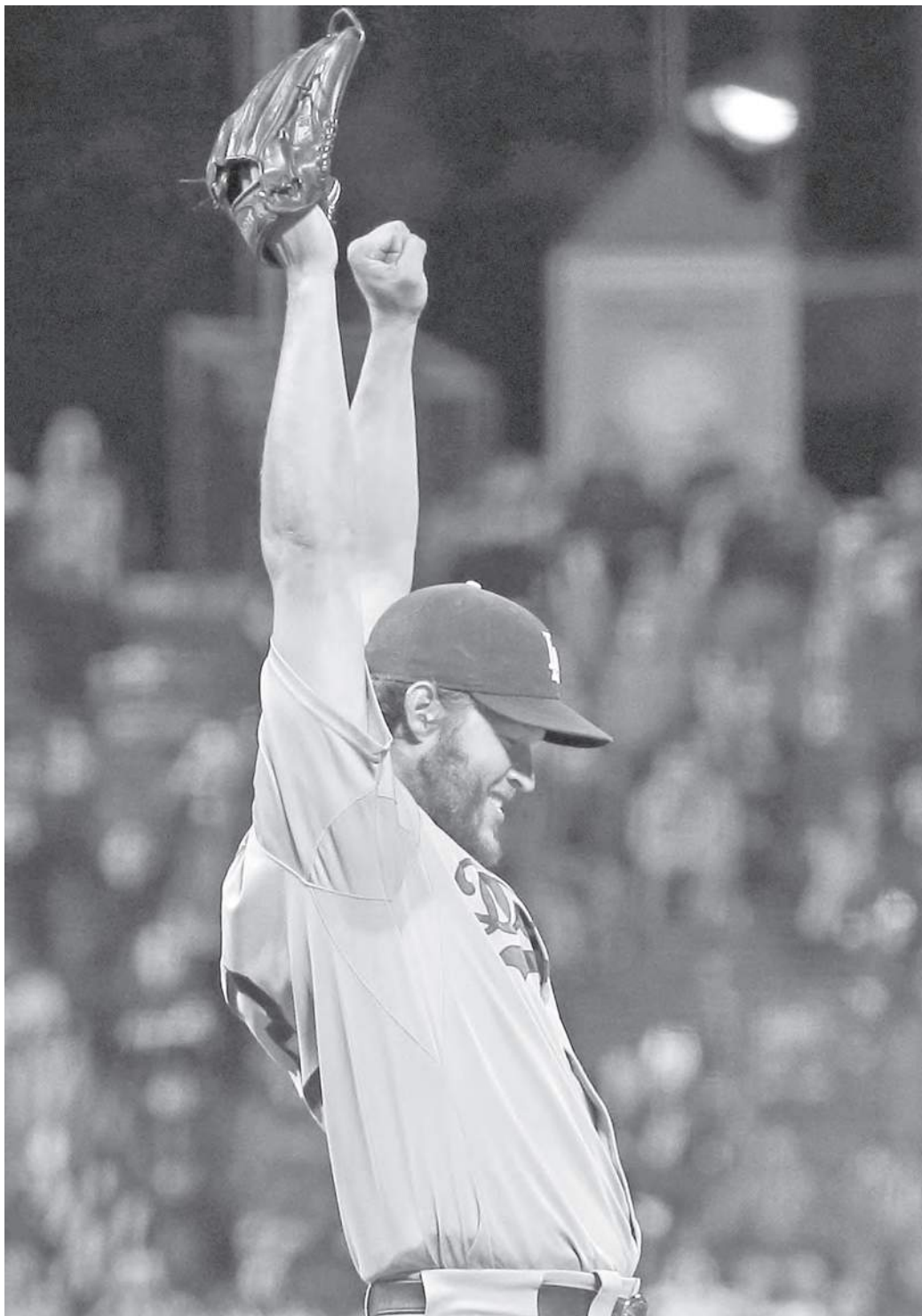
Red Sox 10, Yankees 4

In New York, Michael Pineda was hit hard at the start, and New York's playoff push was delayed once again by its long-time rival as Boston got two homers and five RBIs from rookie catcher Blake Swihart.

Rick Porcello (9-14) recovered neatly from a rocky first inning, and the Red Sox won their season-best fifth straight game to pass the Orioles for third place in the AL East.

New York is running second in the division and was spared the possibility of the Blue Jays clinching the crown when they were rained out in Baltimore. Toronto will play a double-header Wednesday against the Orioles and needs only one win—or another Yankees loss—to wrap up its first AL East title in 22 years.

Pineda (12-9) and the Yankees began the day looking to



Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Clayton Kershaw celebrates after the Dodgers beat the San Francisco Giants 8-0 in a baseball game in San Francisco, Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2015.

lock up at least a wild card, but that chance was washed away when Minnesota was rained out in Cleveland. New York needs two wins in its final five games—or some help—to reach the postseason for the first time since 2012.

White Sox 4, Royals 2

In Chicago, Eric Hosmer and Kendrys Morales homered and Johnny Cueto threw six quality innings, but Kansas City lost to Chicago.

The Royals, who have lost four of their last five, fell behind 3-0 after Adam Eaton drove a two-run homer into the bullpen in right field off Cueto (10-13) in the fifth inning.

Cueto lost for the third time in his four September outings and gave up three runs and eight hits over six innings. He struck out two and walked two.

Kansas City got within 3-2 in the sixth when Hosmer and Morales hit back-to-back homers off Chicago starter Jeff Samardzija (11-13), who won for the second straight time after losing nine of his 10 previous outings.

The runs were the first the

Royals scored in 17 innings during a three-game stretch that included Kansas City being shut out 1-0 in 11 innings by the Chicago Cubs on Monday night.

Cubs 4, Reds 1

In Cincinnati, Miguel Montero doubled home a pair of runs during Chicago's four-run first inning, and Dan Haren pitched into the eighth following a long rain delay.

The Cubs already have clinched a spot in the NL wild-card game for their first playoff berth since 2008. They trail Pittsburgh by three games for home-field advantage. The Pirates' game against first-place St. Louis was rained out on Tuesday.

The Reds lost their season-high 10th in a row, their longest slump since they dropped 11 straight in 1998.

Phillies 4, Mets 3

In Philadelphia, Darin Ruf hit a three-run homer, Odubel Herrera had four hits and Philadelphia snapped New York's franchise-record 11-game road winning streak.

Lucas Duda hit two homers for the NL East champion Mets, who hadn't lost away from home since Sept. 6, at Miami.

Duda hit a two-run shot off Ken Giles on an 0-2 pitch in the ninth before Giles retired Travis d'Arnaud for his 14th save in 18 chances.

Bartolo Colon (14-13) allowed three runs and eight hits in five innings for his first loss to the Phillies since Aug. 30, 2014. He beat them four times this season.

Adam Loewen (1-0) retired the only batter he faced in relief of starter David Buchanan to earn his first win since 2007 with Baltimore. The lefty struck out Duda with runners on second and third to end the fifth.

Braves 2, Nationals 1

In Atlanta, A.J. Pierzynski hit two home runs and rookie Matt Wisler threw seven strong innings as Atlanta beat Washington for just its fourth win in 17 tries against the Nats.

Wisler (7-8) picked up the victory, giving up one run while striking out four and

walking two.

Rookie Arodys Vizcaino recorded his eighth save in nine chances. With runners on first and second and no outs in the ninth, Ian Desmond bunted into a 2-5-4 double play. Vizcaino then struck out Matt den Dekker to end it.

Tanner Roark (4-7), who rejoined the Nationals' rotation in September, took the loss. He handled everyone in the Braves' lineup except Pierzynski, who was 3 for 3, giving up just five hits and two runs in 6 2-3 innings. He struck out four, walked one and hit a batter.

Rays 4, Marlins 2

In St. Petersburg Florida, Asdrubal Cabrera hit a go-ahead two-run homer in the eighth inning, a one-out drive off Bryan Morris (5-4), to push the Rays to 12-6 in interleague play this season.

Adam Conley gave up two runs and five hits over six innings for the Marlins, who had a five-game winning streak end. Miami dropped to 0-8 in road games against American League teams this season.

Tampa Bay's Matt Moore, bidding to win consecutive starts, allowed one run and seven hits in seven innings.

Miami pulled even at 2 in the eighth on Martin Prado's run-scoring single off Alex Colome (7-5). Brad Boxberger pitched the ninth for his 39th save.

Diamondbacks 4, Rockies 3, 11 innings

In Phoenix, Pinch-hitter Phil Gosselin singled in the winning run after Colorado reliever Brooks Brown walked the bases loaded in the 11th inning.

Gosselin knocked in Paul Goldschmidt from third base with one out after Brown (1-3), the eighth of nine pitchers for the Rockies on the night, walked the three batters he faced in the inning. A.J. Pollock, Goldschmidt and David Peralta reached base after Brown threw 11 straight balls.

Christian Friedrich gave up the winning hit. Randall Delgado (7-4) pitched a scoreless top of the 11th.

Brewers 4, Padres 3

In San Diego, Jean Segura hit a go-ahead, two-run homer in the sixth inning to help Jorge Lopez win his major league debut.

Lopez (1-0) allowed three runs and eight hits in five innings, struck out seven and walked two. The 22-year-old's contract was selected a week earlier from Double-A Biloxi, where he went 12-5 with a 2.26 ERA in 24 starts.

The Brewers trailed 3-2 going into the sixth. Khris Davis singled to left and Segura hit a one-out homer off Tyson Ross (10-12) into the balcony on the third level of the Western Metal Supply Co. Building in the left-field corner.

MGA October Ace on Saturday



By JON PEREZ
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REPORTER

Marianas Golf Association members continue their hunt to clinch berths in their club’s yearend tournament when the September Ace of the Month takes place on Saturday, Oct. 3 at the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort’s west course in Kagman.

MGA president J.J. Atalig is again reminding their members to be at Lao Lao Bay at 9am

RED RICE

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Red Rice miscue for a fastbreak layup, however, the former’s attempt was a bit short. Sanciango collared the offensive rebound and went for a putback, but to no avail. Oh My J had another offensive board with Tobias going over the head of Joseph Achas, but the quarterback also missed on his bank shot.

Finally, Darwin Barbo got the rebound for Red Rice and fed Cabanas for the fastbreak layup that secured the win for them,

DOVE

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D&Q Saipan, which distributes Dove and other Unilever products on the island.

Kretzers and D&Q Saipan regional sales manager Marilyn Marron turned over the check to NMIFA president Jerry Tan and general secretary Ross Zapanta in a brief ceremony yesterday morning at the Executive Lounge of Fiesta Resort.

“We would like to thank Dove, Unilever, and D&Q for their continued commitment to CNMI women’s football.

since the tee off starts one hour after.

Atalig added that winners of the Ace of the Month need to meet a required number of games in the monthly tournament in order to qualify for the end-of-the-year Ace of Aces event.

“We encourage all MGA members and Ace of the Month winners to join the tournament on Saturday,” said Atalig.

MGA has been behind in holding their monthly tournaments and they had just recently concluded with their August

69-61, going into the last 32 seconds of the match.

Cabanas sizzled for 27 points, while Achas and Fernando also scored in double figures with 17 and 16, respectively. Guiab had 14 points to lead Oh My J.

Red Rice 73 – Cabanas 27, Achas 17, Fernando 16, Chan 7, Barbo 4, Anasan 2.

Oh My J 64 – Guiab 14, Mateo 11, Asuhan 8, Sanciango 7, Tobias 7, Galulu 5, Manangan 5, Sablan 2.

Scoring by halves: 39-33, 73-64.

As you know, NMIFA , since its inception in 2005, has been working hard to build our women’s program, which we started from scratch. Having strong corporate sponsors, like Dove, is important in realizing our goal because through their support we were able to develop and strengthen CNMI women’s football,” Tan said.

“We want to give our female players the same opportunities that our men’s players are getting, like competing in international tournaments. Through corporate sponsorships, we

Ace last Sept. 19 where association secretary Geri Dela Cruz claimed the title.

Typhoon Soudelor caused the cancellation of several sports events last month.

Dela Cruz shot a net score of 69 at COP to join Harry Nakamura (January), Calvin Yamagishi (February), Jess Serman (March), Martin Naputi (April), Jenny Hegland, (May), Chandler DeLoatch, (June), and Jay Muna (July) as monthly winners.

Atalig added that MGA is still accepting new members whether a newcomer or a golf veteran.

Joey Dela Cruz (vice president), James Benavente (treasurer), Chandler DeLoatch

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Peterka said all proceeds will be used for the CNMI Under-19 girls’ indoor volleyball team’s travel cost to the Guam tournament.

“The Serving Rally will take place in the course of the day’s activities. There will be additional targets in the court as

were able to train and send our national teams, both youth and women’s, in international and regional competitions in the past several years,” the NMIFA president added.

The CNMI Women’s All-Star Team was the recent squad to have played outside the CNMI, as it participated in the 2015 Luen Thai Cup in Hong Kong in July and stunned a selection from Chelsea FC Soccer School Hong Kong in its debut match, 2-1. Irish Pagarao and Dianne Pablo scored the goals in the upset.

“Our girls beat Chelsea,

(tournament director), and Jerry Ayuyu (handicap chairman) are the other MGA officers.

MGA was established three years ago and now has 30 active members made up of young and senior, rookies and veterans, and men and women CNMI residents who enjoy playing golf.

The group, recently, also made a donation of \$500 to join other local organizations in a fundraising drive for school supplies by public elementary school students.

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incentives as well, such as T-shirts from different sponsors that will trigger an automatic fixed amount donation,” she added.

Peterka said they are expecting those who regularly play every Wednesdays and Sundays to attend the whole-day event.

“Mostly the recreational crowd who play on Wednesday

and Sundays. They are planning some volleyball and other small competitions like horseshoe and cornhole toss,” said Peterka. “I am still talking with people now about refining the details.”

Peterka said those who cannot attend the event but are willing to donate can email her at president@nmivolleyball.org.

We have players as young as 5 years old, joining our grassroots and that’s very good because we will have a lot of time to train them. Our women’s national team pool has a lot of young players who have been with us in the last five to seven years,” Tan said.

Meanwhile, the 2015 Dove Women’s Fall League will start later this month. The team to beat this season is Shirley’s Football Club, which clinched the spring championship after posting an 11-0-1 win-draw-loss record in the double-round-robin competition.

Bulls PG Rose to have eye surgery after getting elbowed



Chicago Bulls’ Derrick Rose fixes his hair before a photo shoot during an NBA basketball media day Monday, Sept. 28, 2015, in Chicago.

CHICAGO (AP)— Bulls star Derrick Rose will have surgery on his left eye after being elbowed in the face.

The 2011 NBA MVP sustained a left orbital fracture on the first day of practice, the team said Tuesday in a release. He is scheduled for surgery on Wednesday, and a timetable for his return will be determined after the operation.

It’s the latest in a long line of injuries for Rose, and the last thing the Bulls needed with a new coach in Fred Hoiberg.

Rose missed all of the 2012-13 season after tearing his left ACL during the first round of the 2012 playoffs, and played only 10 games two years ago after tearing the meniscus in his right knee. He also had a minor procedure on the right knee late last season.

The Bulls return mostly intact after winning 50 games and losing to LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers in the Eastern Conference semifinals. The

one big change they made was on the sideline, with Hoiberg replacing the defensive-minded Tom Thibodeau.

Management is counting on a new coach to get the most out of an experienced roster. A big component in the team’s health—particularly Rose’s, although he is not the only injured Bulls player.

Mike Dunleavy Jr. had back surgery Friday and is expected to miss eight to 10 weeks. Taj Gibson is working his way back from left ankle surgery.

As for Rose, it still remains to be seen if he can consistently play at the level propelled the Chicago product from Rookie of the Year to All-Star to MVP in his first three seasons, before the injuries set in.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division				
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z-Toronto	91	65	.583	—
New York	86	71	.548	5½
Boston	77	80	.490	14½
Baltimore	76	80	.487	15
Tampa Bay	76	81	.484	15½
Central Division				
x-Kansas City	90	67	.573	—
Minnesota	81	75	.519	8½
Cleveland	77	78	.497	12
Chicago	74	83	.471	16
Detroit	73	84	.465	17
West Division				
Texas	85	72	.541	—
Los Angeles	83	74	.529	2
Houston	83	75	.525	2½
Seattle	75	83	.475	10½
Oakland	65	93	.411	20½
NATIONAL LEAGUE				
East Division				
x-New York	89	68	.567	—
Washington	80	77	.510	9
Miami	69	88	.439	20
Atlanta	63	94	.401	26
Philadelphia	60	97	.382	29
Central Division				
z-St. Louis	99	58	.631	—
z-Pittsburgh	95	62	.605	4
z-Chicago	92	65	.586	7
Milwaukee	67	90	.427	32
Cincinnati	63	94	.401	36
West Division				
x-Los Angeles	88	69	.561	—
San Francisco	82	75	.5226	
Arizona	76	81	.484	12
San Diego	73	84	.465	15
Colorado	66	91	.420	22
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Saipan Electronic Darts Association special awardees

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Blue Koi owner Scott Frazier receives their team's Sportsmanship award in the Chichirika C division in the Saipan Electronic Darts Association's awarding ceremony held last Aug. 30 at the Pacific Islands Club Saipan's Charley's Cabaret.



Members of the Jonny's Real Deal with the Flame Tree division Sportsmanship award.



Sand Juvy co-owners Sandy, left, and Juvy Pablo accept the plaque of appreciation from SEDA secretary Warlee Ellama.



The High In award winners in the last SEDA season.



The Smoke Pub High Flyers were the Kingfisher division's Sportsmanship awardee.



Sand Juvy co-owner Juvy Pablo, third right, joins the members of the Sand Juvy Pythons after receiving the Masters division Sportsmanship award.



Members of the Sand Juvy Dabarkads.



The Oleai Team Fearless were the Fanihi division Sportsmanship awardee.



SEDA's best players with their MVP trophies.



A division Sportsmanship awardee Team Sand Juvy No Fear.



Dodgers clinch
third straight NL
West title, beat
Giants, 8-0

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Red Rice boosts playoff bid

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Red Rice remained in the playoff hunt in the 2015 Blue Haus/IT&E Inter-Color Basketball League after downing Oh My J, 73-64, yesterday at the Navy Hill court.



Red Rice improved to a 3-3 record for sixth place in the team standings, while Oh My J dropped from fourth to fifth with its 4-3 slate. Mamba (5-2), Makalaro Lang (5-2), Pasion De Amor (4-2), Hard Kulangot (3-2), Purple Rain (2-4), Kidlat (1-4), and Eh Di Wow (0-5) complete the standings. Of the nine teams, the bottom two will be eliminated, while the Top 7 will advance to the playoff round with the No. 1 finisher getting an automatic semis berth.

Oh My J is out of the running for the top spot after failing to complete a comeback bid against Red Rice in the closing minutes of the match. Oh My J fell behind by as much as 9, 50-59, with still five minutes left in the game, but trimmed the deficit to 4 points, 58-62, with Junar Guiab scoring 6 in the team's 8-3 exchange against Red Rice in the next three minutes.

A 3-point play from Michael Cabanas gave Red Rice more breathing room, 58-65, but Oh My J refused to wave the white flag, cutting the lead to 6, 61-67, after Ferdie Tobias countered Angelo Fernando's layup with a triple from the right key, going into the final minute of the match.

Oh My J had a chance to move closer when Red Rice lost possession in the ensuing play, but the former failed to capitalize on the error, muffing point-blank shots on three straight occasions. The first one came from Robert Sanciango, who got a pass from Tobias after the

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Red Rice's Michael Cabanas is sandwiched by Oh My J's Junar Guiab, left, and Mark Asuhan, during the second half of their game in the Blue Haus-IT&E caging yesterday at the Navy Hill court.



NMI girls U19 team to organize 'Serving Rally Pledge' fundraiser

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Members of the CNMI Under-19 girls' indoor volleyball team will be holding a "Serving Rally Pledge" as part of their fundraising activities set on Oct. 11, Sunday, from 10am to 4pm at the Hyatt Regency Saipan's beach front/sand courts.



Northern Mariana Islands Volleyball Association president Laurie Peterka said members of the girls' All-Star team will be doing the pledge from yesterday until the day of the event.

Nine from the original 16 players were selected to represent the CNMI in the U19 Girls High School Championships set from Oct. 29 to Nov. 1 in Guam.

"These nine girls will

pledge to complete a certain number of serves and ask for pledges for meeting their goal," Petrka said.

Peterka explained that each player who will make the Pledge is going to pledge that she can complete a certain number of serve inside the volleyball court in five minutes.

"Each athlete will solicit people to sponsor her for how many serves she will make and how much they will pay for each serve is made up to a cap," said Peterka, who added that coach Codie Sayles came up with the idea.

"Each athlete is assigned the goal of raising \$200 by collecting pledges. It is a fun event and it is different. It creates more ownership for the athletes."

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The Northern Mariana Islands Volleyball Association will hold a beach volleyball event on Oct. 11 at the Hyatt Regency Saipan's beach front/sand courts. File photo shows Phalai Frink in action.

Dove reiterates support to CNMI women's soccer

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Dove and its maker Unilever expressed their continued support to the CNMI women's

soccer program by turning over a \$5,000 donation to Northern Mariana Islands Football Association yesterday at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan.

The amount represents the

final half of its \$10,000 donation every year to the Commonwealth's women's soccer program, which will



receive the remaining \$20,000 in the next two years. NMIFA got the \$5,000 earlier this year.

"Though this donation, we would like to reiterate Dove and Unilever's commitment to support CNMI women's football. Unilever has always encouraged its partners to do something for the community and this (donation) is our way of doing that," said Max P. Kretzers, resident manager of

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NMIFA general secretary Ross Zapanta, second left, receives Dove and Unilever's donated check from D&Q Saipan regional sales manager Marilyn Marron, third left, during a brief turnover ceremony at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan yesterday. Also in the photo are NMIFA president Jerry Tan, left, and D&Q Saipan resident manager Max P. Kretzers, right.

